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BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

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There she stands! No one can measure her ample, tender and devoted service throughout the years. Strong men love her and care for her with the tenderness of gentle women. It would surprise the church how many men and women and boys and girls, cared for and trained by her, rise up and call her blessed.

The state does not know one-half of the beautiful things that are done for the children committed to her hospitable care. The church cannot realize how its dollars and cents have been multiplied in the building of strong bodies and trained minds and fine characters. O, church of the living God, thy touch is never so tender as when it is ministering to little children who know not the touch of a mother's hand and the loving care of a father. It is entirely proper that the church should hold nearest to its heart this institution which it has built in love and perpetuated in gracious service. We congratulate the Baptist churches in Mississippi upon this high service and in the name of the church we express to every Baptist and all who lovingly and efficiently work for the making of the Baptist Orphanage her deep appreciation and abiding interest.

This year the church has woven together the day we call Mother's Day with the children at the Orphanage, believing that every true mother who has slipped away would speak to us and eloquently urge that we make Mother's Day not only beautiful, but useful and practical by expressing the sentiment of our hearts with the gifts of our hands.

We would not wish to have Mother's Day tangled up with this and that good cause, and there are many, many such, but it is exceedingly appropriate that Mother's Day should be set

aside for the Baptist Orphanage. Therefore, in the name of the church, through the church organizations, we urge all lovers of the Orphanage, all lovers of others, and especially lovers of children to make some worthy and liberal cash offering to this noble cause on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9th.

W. G. Mize, Superintendent.

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FACTS FOR EVERY BAPTIST TO BEAR IN MIND

Not one penny is assessed upon any church or Sunday school for the Baptist Orphanage.

Love for orphan children and concern for their development prompt our people to make free-will offering to the Orphanage.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention has designated the following occasions when our people in all of our churches and Sunday schools shall be given an opportunity and privilege to contribute to the orphan children in our church home:

1. Special Mother's Day Offering. This year, Sunday, May 9th.

2. Thanksgiving.

We experienced great difficulty in operating during the depression years on the small amount contributed. There is great danger of our having this experience repeated during this good year 1937 unless our people out of their abundance will contribute liberally to the children of the Baptist Orphanage. It takes so much more money to buy the necessities of life at prevailing prices.

FOOD—sufficient, balanced and varied.

CLOTHING—comfortable, and of a quality recognized as "respectable."

SHELTER—adequate to maintain health, modesty, and protection from the elements.

HEALTH—doctor, nurse, dentist, hospitalization, physical vigor and absence of disease.

SCHOOLING—advanced enough to give access to the best thought.

RECREATION—sufficient play and amusement to balance their work.

Won't you lend a helping hand to the motherless children on Mother's Day?

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The Baptist Orphanage officials are very anxious to begin immediately the erection of some new buildings for the safety of the children in the home. One building can be erected at once if each Baptist church, Sunday school, W. M. U. and B. T. U. organization and individuals will make a liberal cash offering on Sunday, May 9th, Mother's Day or as near that date as possible.

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SUPERLATIVE WORDS

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The Greatest word is God.

The Deepest word is Soul.

The Longest word is Eternity.

The Swiftest word is time.

The Nearest word is Now.

The Darkest word is Sin.

The Meanest word is Hypocrisy.

The Broadest word is Truth.

The Strongest word is Right.

The Tenderest word is Love.

The Sweetest word is Home.

The Dearest word is Mother.

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DEDICATED TO THE MOTHER WHO IS LIVING

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Lord Jesus, thou hast known
A mother's love and tender care,
And thou wilt hear while for my own mother
most dear

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Sparks and Splinters

First Church, Vicksburg, will soon be in the new educational annex, and are having a new and excellent organ installed in the auditorium of the church.

The Music of the Gospel is a ten page tract by Rev. Chas. G. Hamilton, Rector of St. John's Church, Aberdeen, Miss. It treats briefly the history of hymn singing.

The Business Men's Research Foundation with headquarters in Chicago says: "Alcoholic beverages last year caused 9,000 traffic deaths, and was a factor in more than 300,000 automobile accidents, and a larger proportion than ever before of the increased fatalities was due to liquor." If any wild beast turned loose in this country were doing this, the whole population would be out after it with their guns.

We have no sympathy with the state constitutional inhibition against making any gift to a religious institution by one's last will and testament, but we have to obey it. That means that we have to give to benevolent objects while we live. A few days ago we were told that a gift to one of our benevolent institutions in Mississippi by a man who died outside the state, may never go to the institution, although it was the earnest desire of the giver for it to do so. Give now.

On February 21 Pilgrim's Rest Church house at Church Point, La., was burned. The work since then has been carried on in the buildings of Acadia Academy. Insurance covered only about one-third of the loss. The church proposes to rebuild without incurring a debt, and at the same time to keep up their mission contributions without diminution. They expect to be in the new building by Sept. 15. The pastor is J. N. Miller, one of our Mississippians, who is doing excellent service in Louisiana.

Brother D. W. Moulder sends his thanks to all his friends who showed him consideration and kindness during his recent illness. Friends brought him to the Baptist Hospital where he stayed four days. Mrs. Gillfoy and the doctors showed him every kindness. Thirteen preachers came to see him, and hundreds of other friends. He was then taken to his daughter's, Mrs. Russum at Crystal Springs, where everything was done to make him comfortable for a week; and then he was taken home. This is his first experience with the "flu."

The new pastor, brother R. A. Morris, expects to be in Newton this week to take up his duties there. Last Sunday morning the editor had the pleasure of preaching to the saints at Newton. A fire broke out in the home of one of the people in the midst of the sermon, but the congregation behaved mighty well. It was a joy to greet so many old friends here. We were the guest of brother McMullans for dinner, and brother James drove us by the new lot on which a church will be built later. These folks are hopeful of the future.

Rev. B. W. Hudson who recently resigned the pastorate at Chalybeate, has accepted a call for full-time to Germantown, Tenn., and is already at work with the new church. The people have treated him royally. The parsonage was stocked with gifts from the members before the pastor and his wife had been with them twenty-four hours. They brought about everything you could think of. Germantown is only fifteen miles from Main Street in Memphis, and many Memphis people live here, going to business in the city. The editor recalls being a member of this church when a boy and his father was pastor here.

If your Record comes in a Yellow Wrapper this week, it means that you have only one more issue before your subscription expires. In order not to miss a copy send your renewal in now. Don't wait, you might forget.

South Carolina joins Virginia in making hitchhiking illegal.

Brown University was recently given half a million for a chemical research laboratory.

Of 1,700 students in Baylor University only 37 make no profession of being Christians.

On Easter Sunday Dr. Joshua Gravett of Galilee Church, Denver, baptized 19, one of them a Jewess, another a young man whose parents and great-grandmother Dr. Gravett had baptized.

Another edition of Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Bible is being issued by Revell, in six volumes. Matthew Henry was born two hundred and seventy-five years ago.

One Georgia paper says if the amount collected for taxes on liquor turns out to be as much as the liquor folks promise, there won't be enough sober people in the state to collect the taxes.

Jefferson Davis Tobias, a negro 67 years old living in Jackson, will this spring realize his life-long ambition by graduating from high school at Campbell College, an institution for negroes. His wife is dead and he is the father of ten children.

The anti-lynching bill which passed the House in Washington by a big majority provides that officers who permit lynching will be criminally liable, and relatives of the person lynched can collect damages from the county. The report from Washington is that it has little chance of passing the Senate, for fear of alienating Southern senators whose votes are needed in the court reorganization bill.

At a recent meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. J. R. Sampey and Dr. F. H. Leavell were guest speakers, both recent visitors to the Orient. Dr. P. H. Anderson and wife were invited to return as missionaries to China. Secretary Maddry was asked to visit the field in Nigeria. He said that no missionaries were appointed from 1926 to 1935, and that it will take 25 years to get over this. In the past three months the Board's receipts were \$9,000 ahead of the same period last year. No new missionaries were sent out, though many are needed.

There can be no plainer presentation of the plan of salvation than Paul gives us in the tenth chapter of Romans. On this chapter is built the book "The Way Made Plain" by James H. Brookes, which has had wide circulation and been greatly used of the Lord. Recently Dr. P. E. Burroughs has revised and edited this book which is now brought out by the Sunday School Board for optional use in study courses by Sunday school workers. We hope for it wide use and great usefulness. The price is 60c in cloth and 40c in paper binding, to be had from the Baptist Book Store.

Evangelist Joseph T. Larson, 3033 Columbus Ave., Minneapolis, Minn., has published a little booklet of 64 pages called "Christ the Healer of Broken Hearts" meant to heal stricken souls and lift the burden of care from Christian minds. It is introduced and commended by two eminent physicians, Dr. Howard A. Kelly and Dr. W. L. Wilson. The author has had experience which enables him to write with assurance, and he depends upon and uses the scriptures to accomplish their purpose in us. The booklet sells for 25 cents, or when ordered in lots of a dozen or more, one half that price.

For many years after the world war the French government changed hands fast and often, all because debts had piled up and the officials dared not put a tax on the people big enough to meet the obligations. So they just "passed the buck" from one administration or premier to the other. Whenever the griddle got too hot, the premier jumped off and another one was pushed on. We in the United States today are facing a situation which may repeat the French experience. Money has been spent for relief and to satisfy political supporters until deficits are piling up sky-high. And officials in Washington are dancing on the hot griddle. France finally threw down the hot potato by saying "we won't pay what we owe," and the creditors were tossed the hot potato. Are we coming to that?

A meeting is in progress at First Church, Laurel, Pastor L. G. Gates being assisted by Dr. B. Locke Davis of Brookhaven.

Dr. S. M. Brown of the Word and Way says: "Many years ago, in private conversation with Dr. John A. Broadus, the writer asked Dr. Broadus to state, in a few words, what he regarded as the most cardinal teaching held by Baptists. Dr. Broadus' reply was: 'Strict obedience to the obvious teaching of the Word of God.'"

Prof. J. Arthur White of New Orleans tells us that First Church has called Rev. J. D. Grey of Denton, Texas, to succeed Dr. J. A. Huff. Brother Grey is thirty years old and married, an honor graduate of the Southwestern Seminary. He was a popular speaker at the Louisiana Baptist Assembly last summer. Recently he preached the annual missionary sermon at the Baptist Bible Institute.

The pope is getting now paid off for blessing the Italian venture in Ethiopia. All protestant missionaries (American, British, Swedish and Swiss) have been ordered out of Ethiopia, and a papal nuncio put in charge of a large staff of Roman Catholic missionaries. The unadulterated humbugery of the Romanists in asking for religious freedom in Mexico is plain to any man with reason.

Rev. Charles Francis Potter (of New York of Course) breaks into print every now and then with some wild gesture. Not being able to attract attention by saying anything sane, he specializes in extravaganzas. This time he got the debuntante scribblers to put on the bulletin that he favors "mercy killings." The front pages today are largely occupied telling the world what the maniacs are doing or saying. Witness Hitler, Mussolini, "et id omne gemus," whatever that means.

Recently Deacon M. E. Leake of Tupelo tried out a plan, new at least to us, for securing help for the Baptist Orphanage. He wrote a letter and sent it to 300 friends who he believed would be interested. He enclosed in each letter a dollar bill and asked their cooperation in providing for the children. He heard from most of them and received his money back and more than as much more, and there are still some to hear from. Already \$670.25 have been turned over to the church treasurer and the money goes forward to the Orphanage. Brother Leake knows how to use his money to good account and also his head.

"The Bible As Literature" may be an attractive title to the superficial and unwary, but it does not commend itself to those who are accustomed to think of the Bible as the word of God given to men who need to know the way of life and the way to live. It is too much of a sort with the efforts of some people to magnify Jesus as a great teacher, or a great patriot, a great man or a great prophet. Jesus was all of these but he was infinitely more. He is the Son of the living God. Many Reformed Jews speak of him as a great Jew. But Paul said, "Though we have known Christ after the flesh, henceforth know we him so no more." The Bible is the finest example of literature, but whenever you so regard it, you immediately belittle it, for it is "The Word of God." We are not to pass judgment upon it; it passes judgment on us. To admire its literary style is like the person who hears a man preach and goes away impressed only with the kind of clothes he had on, instead of treasuring the truth in his heart, and reproducing it in his life. To think of the Bible as simply a work of art, even as the highest work of the finest art, is to do as the Philistines did with Samson, merely set him to acting for their entertainment. And the result is apt to be similar, he pulled the house down on their heads. Anybody who goes in to try to make the Bible attractive as literature comes under the suspicion of regarding it as less than the inspired word of God. In the case of the book by Ernest Sutherland Bates, it is more than a suspicion. It is evident that he feels free to regard parts of the Bible as "unimportant," and he omits some of the New Testament books, speaking of these emphatically and falsely as "pseudonymous epistles."

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DEDICATED

Mother! Dear,
How slow we
The height and
Of perfect
We take her
Just as the
Look up to God
Because we
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DEDICATED TO THE MOTHER WHO HAS PASSED AWAY

Mother! Dear, sacred name, and sweet!
How slow we are to prove,
The height and depth and deathlessness
Of perfect mother-love.
We take her daily care,
Just as the thoughtless flowers
Look up to God for daily light,
Because we know 'tis ours.
But when we miss, from heart and life,
The comfort of her care,
Then we must learn to live without
Her presence and her prayer.
'Tis then the name of "Mother" is
To us a holy thing;
And, hovering low, we seem to feel
The shelter of a wing.

—Lizzie Harding Underwood.

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A CHILD

A child am I, yet in me lies
Part of the future of the race.
A child, in whom the good and ill
Of ages past have left their trace.
A child—with right to dream and play;
To grow just as God's flowers do.
A child—look deep within my eyes
And you can read God's message true.
Protect me,—ye of larger growth,
Hear my appeal: please take my hand
And lead me safely through the days
Of childhood into grown-up land.

—Olive G. Owen.

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RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES AT THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

By Mrs. W. G. Mize

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it," is a statement frequently quoted. We trust in regard to all children and especially the children of the Baptist Orphanage, this will always be true.

It is our hope and purpose to major on spiritual training, since it profiteth a man or woman nothing if that one should gain the whole world and lose his own soul. Such training will not be possible unless those in charge as leaders, are real Christians themselves. Therefore, we hope to have consecrated employees in every phase of our work.

The Sunday school, B. T. U., and Auxiliaries have done very good work this past year, but there is much room for improvement. We are reorganizing, putting every matron and employee, as well as the school teachers, in charge of a class or department.

Many times classes or auxiliaries are entertained by similar organizations in the Jackson churches. A few days before Easter the R. A.'s were guests of the Intermediate R. A.'s of Calvary, and received, as well as gave, inspiration. The Y. W. A.'s enjoyed the programs and banquets with the young women of our city organizations. Thirteen of our boys and girls attended camps last year—eight to the State Assembly at Hattiesburg; two to Castalian Springs, and three to Ridgecrest. Others are eager to be granted the privilege this summer.

Every opportunity toward broadening and deepening the spiritual life on our campus is welcomed. Pray that the fires of devotion to God and His worldwide program through Jesus our Saviour, will burn so deeply in the heart of each boy and girl that as men and women they will be blessings to all with whom they come in contact.

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THE ORPHANAGE PLANT

By W. M. Taylor

As is well known to those who have visited the Baptist Orphanage in recent months, most of the buildings are in a dilapidated condition. While we do not consider the buildings to be actually dangerous at the present time, some of them are likely to become so at no distant date. Even

now it is difficult to maintain satisfactory sanitary conditions, and it is exceedingly expensive to keep the buildings in a respectable state of repair.

What does the board of trustees propose to do about this situation? is a question frequently asked the writer. Several years ago the board had under consideration a program for buildings. However, the economic depression became so acute that the plan was abandoned for the time being.

For the past several months our board has again had under consideration the matter of new buildings for the Home. The members of the board believe that a building program should be inaugurated in the very near future and pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. The board is now having plans prepared and will probably submit recommendations to the State Convention next November.

The plan so far as formulated contemplates the erection of some five or six buildings of the semi-cottage type, each building to house approximately forty children and to cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000. The board hopes to erect one of the buildings this coming summer on money now on hand and in sight.

Members of the board feel that three of the buildings, namely, the superintendent's home, the school building, and the present nursery building, should be repaired and should fit into the scheme for the remaining buildings. We are also of the opinion that the different units should be constructed one after another, as the money is made available. Matters like this, however, must finally be decided by the Baptist State Convention.

In the meantime, we ask all our friends to visit the institution whenever possible so as to understand the exact condition of our buildings.

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REASONS FOR ORGANIZED EFFORT IN RESTORING PROHIBITION

R. B. Gunter

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1. Because in union there is strength. The enemies of prohibition are strong. Strength will be required to meet them.

2. Intoxicating liquor advocates are organized. Children of light should be wiser than the children of darkness. Hence, righteous people should unite their efforts in a righteous cause. Only in a united effort can we hope for victory.

3. The churches throughout the land should unite their efforts in giving information to the people who attend church. A rapid increase in crime since repeal of the eighteenth amendment is sufficient to convince any sane person that even national prohibition needs to be restored. Human life is no longer at a premium; it is not at par, but far below par. Human life is cheap and becoming cheaper and cheaper as the whiskey forces gain control. Incidentally, this will eventually mean a depreciation in the value of property. It will mean an increase in the number calling for relief. But it will also mean a reduction in the ability of our people to assist those who, by reason of strong drink, are not capable of supporting themselves.

4. This is one place where an inter-denominational and non-denominational organization composed of the strongest characters of all denominations should unite their efforts in defeating this national and worldwide evil, intoxicating liquor.

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TO ALL PASTORS:

Please read the above statement by our secretary, Dr. Gunter, to your people and urge that they go to the Hobbs' Rally in the Galloway Memorial Methodist Church, Jackson, Tuesday night, May 4, at seven-thirty.—N. S. Jackson.

West Point stands fifth with \$176.00 contributed to the Five Thousand Club during the first quarter of 1937. It stands second with a contribution of \$1,000.00 to the Cooperative Program for the same period. This church continues to do fine work under the leadership of its noble pastor.

RISEN WITH CHRIST

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Paul gives us a great Easter message in the third chapter of his letter to the church at Colossae, the best chapter I know for Easter, New Year's morning or any Sunday morning early when you wake up to have your quiet time. For every first day of the week should be a celebration of the day on which Christ rose from the dead. But how can you and I be "raised with Christ?" (Col. 1:1) How can we experience within what we show outwardly in the ordinance of baptism? How can we rise and live a new quality of daily living? May I suggest the three steps I have found to be effective not only in my own experience, but as I have seen many others change before my eyes during the past two years.

The first thing necessary if a person is to rise again, is that he die first. But how? I do not mean by long meditation, discipline or self-sacrifice. Pride must be humiliated; his secret sins must be confessed. The cork must be pulled out of the bottle. This alone I believe will break the will and fundamental dishonesty of every man. We must empty out our sins and failures before Christ and a changed friend. There is no short-cut, however much we may try to avoid it. Christ gives no spiritual anesthesia for His operations. I must honestly confess my critical spirit, my wrong thoughts, my "gossiping," my hidden sins, if I am to be truly emptied, if I am to be crucified with Christ and really die.

The second step in getting this resurrected quality of life is to actually receive a blood-transfusion of new life, Christ's life. Emptying is not enough. There must be filling. This is the work of the Holy Spirit. But how? He almost always works His miracles of life-changing through an already changed person. New life is caught not taught. Years of hearing great sermons left me fundamentally unchanged, but two hours of honesty before a friend who had won my confidence by the victorious quality of life and witness worked a miracle deep in my life. What the world is ready to hear and follow is a group of men who speak with the authority of an experience that is definite, and practical. Many are finding this quality of life, as changed as one who was anaemic, and dying, but who received a transfusion of blood which restored vitality and the power to walk and run.

But this experience of surrender in the presence of the living Christ and a truly living friend is just the first step in the new life of walking in the light. We must keep breathing after we have been resuscitated. This means the daily surrender first thing in the morning when we put ourselves afresh under God's control to follow God's plan for each day. The daily bath also, of sharing any slips we may have with a friend, is a part of the resurrected life. We can not just ask God every Sunday morning at church to forgive us for all our sins of the past week. That is no more than our least spiritual Catholic friends do. God's plan is to cleanse daily. We need not come to church on Sunday with the failures of a week piled up on our hearts. Listening to God each morning and working near the spiritual telephone all day to receive His calls, we find ourselves ready to take the necessary exercise to maintain this life; namely, passing on this daily living, growing, experience of victory to others. I find He wants me to call on certain people, write certain letters, telephone others, and thus touch at least some one daily with one definite purpose of life-changing. Sometime that means apologizing, but that too is part of the plan of the life that is raised with Christ. Such a life, I find, expresses itself naturally in friendship. Such a person has "news" to tell not just "views" to express. Only with a growing number of vitally changed people can God change this world of human relationship, persons (family), school, business, national, and international!!

Yours for a new world,
Hermon S. Ray
Tokyo.

EDITORIALS

OUR ORPHANAGE

Some years ago while a pastor in Kentucky we were attending a session of the state meeting of the Baptists at Bowling Green. These were stormy days in the Blue Grass State. They have been known to have some squalls in their meetings and we have seen their ability in this line demonstrated. Never mind the occasion of it just now. There was a more than statewide disturbance, but Kentucky was the storm center, or close to it. You had to have good sea legs to go through it without having an inward echo of the outward distress.

After the storm had somewhat abated Dr. Carter Helm Jones rose to read the report on the Orphanage. His first words were "The Orphan's Home is the poem of Kentucky Baptists." His musical voice and the words caused a pleasurable ripple over the congregation. He meant, of course that whatever subjects might cause division, the interest of orphaned children would bring the beautiful, sympathetic strains of harmony into our souls.

It may be that there has not always been unity of opinion and rhythmic action in reference even to an institution whose mission is one of mercy and loving ministry. But if there is one thing in all the world that can unite the hearts of people, touched by the Spirit of God, it is that which directs our attention to and enlists our efforts in behalf of dependent children. And Mississippi Baptists today have good reason for joy and satisfaction with the conditions at our Orphanage. The sunshine of our Father's favor is upon it, and the good will of the people is evident toward it. The interests of the children were never better cared for, and the health and happiness of the children are manifest to all who see them. Let us thank God for that.

This does not mean that the trustees and the superintendent have attained their goal. No, they have larger and better ideas in the making. There is manifest need of better housing conditions. Most of the buildings were hastily constructed. They were designed to meet immediate needs. They met those needs in good measure, and reflect credit on those who built and managed the institution in the past. We thank God for the men and women who founded the Orphanage and managed it in the past. Their names are part of the imperishable history of Mississippi Baptists, and their image is enshrined in many hearts and lives. We are grateful for those who have given to make the work of this institution possible. Some gave richly out of their poverty; and others gave out of the abundance with which God blessed them.

We are coming now to a new day in the work of this institution. The present buildings are entirely inadequate. Some of them are almost ready to be condemned. The trustees have a plan which may require many years to work out. It provides for a series of buildings for various ages and for different purposes. It will make the Orphanage more nearly a home than it has ever been. The first of these buildings will be for the tiny tots, and others to follow as the money is in hand. All of this will be carried to completion without disturbing the work of the home. The trustees have faith in God and in His people that they will see it through.

Just now all of us will do well to recall the beautiful words of James, "A pure religious service, and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world."

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A simultaneous evangelistic campaign is on in the Baptist Churches of Oklahoma City with Dr. R. Q. Leavell leading.

First Church, Amarillo, adopted the tithing plan and decided that fifty per cent of amount given above the church budget should go to the Cooperative Program. This in three months amounted to \$3,000.00.

PICTURES OF THE KINGDOM

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The kingdom of God is so many-sided, it affects so many relationships in life, that it is not possible to portray it in any one picture. It must be done in many pictures. When a man has come to distinction in the world it is quite the habit for the magazines to write some account of his life and along with the story give a succession of copies of photographs taken of him at various ages, from infancy, through boyhood, youth, manhood and maturity. Or the man may be shown in military clothes, in dress suit or in his lounging robe or working outfit. As you look at this series of pictures you would find difficulty in identifying them all as likenesses of the same person, and yet close attention will reveal a certain common characteristic all the way through. I once had a neighbor who when he milked the cows was hard to be identified as the man whom I saw passing the collection plate at church on Sunday. But except for the clothes and a difference in his gait, he was the same.

There are in the Bible many figurative or parabolic representations of the kingdom of God, or the sovereignty of His Son which bear little resemblance to one another but they are all needed to set forth the truth. Moses represents him as bruising the serpents head; David pictures him on the throne, or making his triumphal entry as the gates lift up their heads. Isaiah gives us his picture as coming to sovereignty through suffering. Daniel speaks of him as a boulder from the mountain destroying all the kingdoms in His path. Another as meek and riding upon an ass. In the same book in the New Testament He is spoken of as the Lamb in the midst of the throne, and as going forth on a white horse conquering and to conquer.

A large part of the teaching of Jesus was about the nature of the kingdom of God. But his representation of it exhausts the book of illustrations to set it forth. His parables set it forth in every stage of progress, in every sort of contact, with manifold effects. The pictures may bear little or no likeness to one another, but they all show some likeness of the kingdom of God. And all of them together are needed to give an adequate idea of its nature.

This may explain the different views held by men as to the kingdom of God, and may have occasioned the controversies which have been waged by men as to the nature of the kingdom. It is well for us to make clear what stage of the kingdom we are speaking of; or what related conditions we have in mind. The Jews in Jesus' day missed the whole purpose of his mission because they had fixed notions and wrong conceptions of the kingdom. Jesus simply did not fit into their ideas of the kingdom.

And it is just as important that we reverently study the scriptures today and seek light from above as to the nature of the kingdom of God. People may be looking for it in the clouds and stumble over it in their path. And we wonder some times if those of us who speak so confidently about the coming kingdom will know it when it comes. It will be better for us if we can keep an open mind to the scripture teaching on this subject, yes to all that the scriptures tell us, and not settle on a few passages taken out of their connection, or without reference to other scriptures which give us a different view, or help to make up a correct interpretation of the nature of the kingdom. Let's keep an open mind.

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Dr. W. E. Denham of St. Louis has promised to be with the Davis Memorial Church, Jackson, in a meeting July 11-16. He assisted them in the meeting last year.

All the errors held by any denomination are found in Roman Catholicism. All the truths held by the denominations are also held by Baptists. We do not speak out of the sectarian spirit and in bitterness but out of honest convictions respecting the Word of God when we say that if people will lay aside their errors and do what the New Testament says, the question of union and unity will be solved.—Baptist and Reflector.

Pastor L. W. Ferrell of Jackson is this week assisting in a revival meeting in Paducah, Ky.

Mrs. J. M. White suffered the fracture of ankle bones from a fall recently at West Point. She is recovering after a short stay in the hospital.

Up to April 24 the amount given for the special Home Mission offering by the W. M. U. of the South was \$118,960.60. This goes beyond the goal which had been set.

Pastor D. W. Moulder, who has taken so many people to the hospital for treatment was himself a patient in the Baptist Hospital recently, but they couldn't keep him long.

Mrs. H. L. Byrd of Greenwood who underwent a serious operation at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson, was told by the doctor that she will be able to go back home this week.

Dr. Susan B. Riley in an address before the alumnae association of Blue Mountain College said "Education is what you have left when you have forgotten all you learned in college."

The Scanlan home, a residence belonging to Clarke College, caught on fire Sunday but the blaze was extinguished before much damage was done, which was fully covered by insurance.

A vote of 380 to 147 in Benton County forbids sale of beer and wine. The wets have employed an attorney to defeat the law. The liquor people are never law-abiding and never good sports.

A letter from Pastor C. C. Weaver of Noxapater says: "Rejoice with us! We voted beer out of Winston County yesterday by a vote of approximately two to one. And my town, Noxapater, said by a vote of SIX to one that they wanted it out. I am proud of this vote in my town."

At First Church, Jackson, there was a young people's revival last week which was well attended. The preaching was by the young ministers in Mississippi College. Paul Stevens led the singing and Miss Elizabeth Latimer was pianist. The young people of the church furnished a good choir. There were twelve additions.

"Heresy hunter" has been the stigma which loose-jointed "liberals" have sought to apply to any person or denomination which protested against false teaching in religion. And now the most rabid liberals, the Umtarians are having a family scrap over the election of the president of their association, because one candidate proposed leans toward "humanism." Can you visualize it?

Southwest Pastors' Conference, First Baptist Church, McComb, May 3, 1937. (Note change in date, due to New Orleans Convention.) Devotional by J. R. Eubanks; Doctrine of Holy Spirit, A. E. Pardue; Importance of Doctrinal Preaching, Mark Lowry; Exposition of Ephesians, B. L. Davis; Business and Lunch; Devotional by W. P. Phipps; Life of D. L. Moody by E. K. Cox; Sermon by Dr. W. R. Langham; Adjourn.—W. M.

Rev. W. P. Davis of Clinton, Miss., now a student at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, who has been supplying the pulpit of Druid Park Church in Baltimore for several months, has agreed to continue his work there, giving full time to the church after the Seminary closes its present session and until the next session opens. He is expected to bring his family to Baltimore and locate in the territory of the church. Brother Davis is a man of splendid college training and has had much experience in pastoral duties. He will be welcome to our Baltimore ministry."—The Maryland Baptist, March 1937.

The Central Mississippi Preachers' Conference will be held at Clinton Monday, May 10 from 9:30 to 12:30. Subject, "The Preacher." Devotional by C. L. McKay and then these speakers, H. M. King, W. R. Rogers, Webb Brame, T. W. Talkington, A. A. Kitchings, B. L. McKee, R. L. Wallace, J. M. Cook, M. O. Patterson, Owen Williams, L. B. Campbell, and A. L. Goodrich will discuss, The Preacher's Devotional Life, His Life as a Good Citizen, His Community Contacts, His Church Organizations, His Leadership, His Brother Preachers, His Former Pastors, His Pastoral Duties, In His Study, His Bible, In His Pulpit, Extending His Ministry.

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SEND CONTRIBUTIONS AT ONCE

The old Southern Baptist Convention year closes Friday, April 30th. Church treasurers will have time after having seen this notice to send contributions in so they will reach the office by Saturday morning, May 1st. Credit will be given for all gifts reaching the office on the morning of May 1st.

For some reason, April receipts are running a little behind receipts for April 1936. We are hoping that this only means that churches are waiting to have in hand much larger gifts than they sent in April of last year. Our receipts for the year are somewhat in advance of receipts of a year ago. April should increase the percentage. There have been no floods, cyclones, or pestilences during this month. The Government still pours its money into our State. Cotton prices have surpassed anything for several years. There is no reason why our gifts should not be greatly increased at this time.

Furthermore, we are making progress in the reduction of our indebtedness. I think we are safe in saying that every dollar contributed pays more than one dollar of the indebtedness. The net gain in the reduction of the indebtedness is more than it has been for many years. With \$5,000.00 a month from the Five Thousand Club and from the Cooperative Program for educational purposes, we are able to pay the month's interest and to pay as much on the principal of the indebtedness. We are getting somewhere when we pay interest and cut down principal at the same time. The larger the gifts the less the indebtedness.

LET'S GO

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

"Ask the People and They'll Subscribe"

LET'S GO

Louise

One of the busiest pastors to be found is C. C. Caraway of Louise and regions around. We found him at home the third trip, but five minutes more and he would have been gone.

He likes the plan of sending the Record to every family and expects to send word of favorable action by some of his churches soon.

Silver City church having purchased a parsonage, he will probably move there soon. Subscriptions in Humphreys County are listed as follows: Belzoni 12, and 20 R. F. D.; Silver City 8; Isola 6; Louise 2.

Hollandale

Dr. Douglass of Hollandale is one of the busiest pastors in Mississippi. CCC camps, mission points and destitute places claim his attention. From a Hollandale member we learned he preaches at some point practically every day.

A Record campaign is on Dr. Douglass' program soon.

The Baptist Record has subscriptions in Washington County as follows: Arcola 10; Bourbon 1; Elizabeth 2; Greenville 20; Hollandale 6; Trafalgar 6; Priscilla 1; Percy 3; LELAND CHURCH 36.

Leland

Another wish fulfilled! To preach at Leland. We hope Pastor Westmoreland goes away for another meeting soon. Not all churches carry on when the pastor is away. But Leland does.

A full house when the pastor is away is a rarity. We found that.

Miss Elois Tolar is the capable pastor's assistant and when Miss Tolar finishes a task there's nothing more to be done. She knows what to do and does it.

Leland people know how to make a visiting preacher welcome. And what hospitality the Gibbs showered on us.

Leland having more Record readers than any other Washington County church, it did not surprise us to learn that their benevolence gifts for the first quarter were the third largest in the state.

Indianola

The deacons at Indianola were good enough to come for an early Sunday afternoon meeting. They were most gracious and heard about the new plan most attentively.

One brother liked the plan so well that he volunteered to pay for sending the Record to all the 129 families not subscribers for a month, or until the next meeting of the deacons when he hopes they recommend that the church send the Record to every family.

Sunflower County subscribers are listed as follows: Doddsville 8; Parchman 2; Indianola 15; Inverness 23; Lombardy 1; Moorhead 29; SUNFLOWER 55; RULEVILLE 60; DREW 85.

At present Sunflower County probably has more subscriptions to the Record than any other county in the state excepting Choctaw County which is 100%, due to the generosity of a brother whose name we are not permitted to reveal.

NEEDED—MORE PATTERSONS

Dear brother Goodrich:

Enclosed find check for fifty-two dollars and seventy-five cents (\$52.75) and a list of the names, addresses and amounts for subscriptions on the 50% homes plan. I hope to have several more for you in the near future. These, together with the few who have paid at another time will make well over the 50% of our homes. Thanks to you and blessings on you in your work. I am,

Sincerely and fraternally,
R. B. Patterson.

THANK YOU

Judge Jeff Kent for Forest Baptist Church; Dr. A. A. Kitchings, Clinton, Miss. (for Lake Baptist Church); (Mr. Harry Smallwood, Laurel, (for West Laurel Church); A. Polk, Hattiesburg, Rev. J. D. Thompson, Booneville; Rev. B. E. Phillips, New Hebron; Rev. R. L. Breland, Coffeeville; Dr. J. M. Walker, Aberdeen; Mrs. W. C. Howard, Water Valley; Rev. Gordon Sasing, Union, for subscriptions send in.

THE MASTER'S DESIRES FOR HIS WORKMEN

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before His crucifixion and three after His resurrection. Before His crucifixion He ministered (1) to the physical, (2) the mental, and (3) the spiritual life of the people by teaching, preaching and healing. After His resurrection He (1) comforted His brokenhearted and distressed disciples by manifesting Himself to them, (2) He stabilized the doubters by leading them to know that He had risen from the dead and was alive, and (3) He reclaimed the backslidden disciples by challenging their love for Him when they forsook His work.

If we as His workmen succeed in making people conscious of God and of their relationship to Him we too must minister to the physical, mental and spiritual needs of the people, and comfort the brokenhearted, stabilize the doubters and reclaim the wandering ones.

Any one of the Master's workmen can do His work if Christ be in him, but not one can do it apart from Christ. For instance, suppose I wanted to play ball like Babe Ruth played. How could I do it? Dress like him? Study the rules of the game? Practice? These are essential, but it would require more than these. I could practice, but still I couldn't hit the ball like Babe hit it. If however I could by some means take Babe Ruth into my life so that his spirit would take complete possession of me and control my mind, my hands, my feet, my body, then I could step to the plate and as the ball came down the line, Babe watching it through my eyes and

Babe controlling the muscles of my arms, I could hit it on center and make a home run. This is of course impossible, yet it would be necessary before I could play like he played. Suppose I wanted to work like Christ worked. How could I do it? I could dress and act like a Christian should, I could study the Bible and other books on Christian work, and I could practice, but still I could not, by merely doing these things, make people conscious of their relation to God. In addition to these it would be necessary for me to have Christ in me. If I could take Christ into my life and allow Him to possess me and to control my affections, my hands, my feet, my body and my possessions, then I could do His work effectively—and this is possible. Through faith it is possible for every workman to have Christ in him. It is possible for every one to say, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live: yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Jesus said, "Behold I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." In other words Jesus said He is (1) a present Savior, "at the door"; (2) a waiting Savior, "behold, I stand," and He will continue to stand at your door until it is opened; (3) a seeking Savior, "and knock"; (4) a pleading Savior, "if any man open the door"; (5) a promising Savior, "I will come in"; and (6) a providing, satisfying Savior, "and sup with him, and he with me."

Note: The above sermon was preached in the South Mississippi Baptist Ministers' Bible Conference, recently held in Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg.

DEDICATED TO THE MOTHER WHO IS LIVING

(Continued from page 1)

I make this Sabbath prayer.
Protect her life, I pray,
Who gave the gift of life to me;
And may she know, from day to day, the deepening glow
Of joy that comes from Thee.
I cannot pay my debt
For all the love that she has given
But thou, love's Lord, wilt not forget her due reward,—
Bless her on earth and heaven. Amen.

—Henry Van Dyke.

Judge J. A. Carnley of Alabama passes on this word from a missionary: One of the surest ways to raise our missionary budgets and to increase our giving in the near and long future is to devise some method for enlarging the subscription lists of our papers by increasing the number who are inspired by the weekly messages of our religious press.

Dr. M. E. Dodd of Shreveport, La., will be heard in a radio broadcast from Atlanta over Station WSB, on Sunday evening, May 2, at 10 o'clock, Central Standard Day Light Saving Time (9 o'clock Central Standard Time), in a message that will be of great interest to all Southern Baptists. The Druid Hills Quartet Choir will furnish the music and Dr. Louie D. Newton will introduce Dr. Dodd. Dr. Dodd is in Atlanta for a week of evangelistic services with Pastor Newton at the Druid Hills Baptist Church from May 2 to 9.

Dr. F. M. Purser, president of the Baptist State Convention, urges Mississippi Baptists to attend the Hobbs' Rally, in the following words: "Mississippi Baptists are urged to attend the Temperance Rally to be held at Galloway Memorial Methodist Church, Tuesday night, May 4th. In those things in which we are agreed we can certainly and ought to walk together. Our common purpose and the seriousness of the issue justify united work for the accomplishment of a common end. Because we believe we are right, we will stand and work together earnestly; and we refuse to sell our souls for a mess of tax pottage."

EVANGELISM A FIXED PART OF THE DIVINE PROGRAM FOR THE CHURCHES

A. D. Muse, Evangelist

Evangelism is as definitely a fixed part of the Divine program for the churches as the loving faithful ministries of the pastor. Not until there is a cordial, thorough, understanding and sympathetic recognition on the part of both pastor and evangelist each for the other, their points of view, their problems and their distinctive and individual fields of operations with the limitations as well as possibilities of the same can there be a well rounded and spiritually symmetrical church program.

The evangelist, to be most effective must know the problems, the perplexities, the anxieties and burdens of the pastor. To render the greatest abiding service the evangelist must be able to comprehend the constantly increasing intensity of the pastorate in this modern complex age. Mr. Moody's great evangelistic gifts and passions were greatly enriched by his intense experiences as pastor of his great church in Chicago. J. Wilbur Chapman's life was one of constant change from evangelism to the pastorate and from the pastorate to evangelism. R. A. Torrey's experiences as pastor of the Old Moody Church in Chicago and later of the Church of the Open Door in Los Angeles greatly strengthened his work as an evangelist. T. T. Martin's intensive experience as pastor in the gold fields of Colorado and years later at Arlinda, Tennessee, have afforded the greatest source of material in his unparalleled life of Baptist evangelism. Major Penn's experiences as pastor at Palestine, Texas, and Eureka Springs, Arkansas, were the greatest factors in his tremendous evangelistic labors. Charles G. Finney's labors at Oberlin likewise afforded his greatest service of value as evangelist in those early days in this country. In proportion as an evangelist gets away from the pastoral experiences, losing sight of the pastor's point of view and forgets the perplexity of the pastor's life he weakens in his effective value as an evangelist.

Likewise, the pastor, who becomes absorbed with the technical, organizational, promotional and executive; the shepherd passion, love and care; the necessary teaching in preaching, dealing with the many sidedness of Christian characters and spiritual personality; forgets the distinctive, pointed emphasis, and effective exhortation of the evangelist with the intense insistence upon immediate decision; forgets that the evangelist too has a rightful place in the divine order of things does great injustice to a large group of faithful servants of Christ and great injury to the cause. The pastor who refuses to call in to his pulpit one of God's true evangelists for a protracted series of sermons, services and labors cheats his people out of those high hours of spiritual blessings and tidal waves of grace in heaven-sent revivals which rightfully belong to them as Christians in the order of the divine program. "What God hath joined together let no man put asunder," is as much true of pastors and evangelists as of husbands and wives.

The church whose pastoral leadership has reached that high point of spiritual attainment of possible sufficient soul winning intensity as to keep a perennial revival is indeed fortunate. The petty and even tragedy is that not all churches can do so. But even then the occasional series of protracted services with the distinctive evangelistic emphasis is needed. The faithful preachers need it for their own spiritual blessing. Such perennial revival programs are always made possible by the continuous, untiring members, usually Sunday school officers and teachers. Their own hearts need the blessings of the special revival services. Even so such programs build up a long list of possibilities that the regular Lord's day services will never break over. The impact of a series of protracted services with the specially emphatic note of decision persuasively pressed is needed. Also there are always people in the community that for one reason or another dislike the pastor and don't go to hear him preach. The presence of a new

pastor will afford the occasion for their coming. The presence of a new preacher gives an added appeal to the faithful workers to such to attend upon the preaching services. The pastor's message and emphasis is strengthened by an outside man striking at the same point. Always problems of prevailing practices inimical to the best type of spirituality eventually grow up in places and with individuals that sufficient effort and emphasis from the pastor to dislodge such will be interpreted as a personal matter and woefully hinder the pastor and even retard the cooperative spirit of the whole church. The strike of a new voice will have desired effects. The extra spiritual warmth and fervor generated by the special protracted series naturally produces an atmosphere and an attitude of mind that will listen to words of rebuke of certain sins in such way as to not produce resentment and result in non-cooperation with the pastor and his program for the church. One time I had T. T. Martin holding a meeting for me. He was staying in the home of Deacon Green Britt. Brother Britt had on his place an old negro who was also a deacon in his church. This old negro had often attended my service. He was hearing brother Martin every service. We were in a tent so he felt free to attend all the services. One day brother Britt said, "George, how are you liking Dr. Martin's preaching?" The old negro replied, "Fine Mistah Britt. But shucks, Mistah Britt, Elder Martin ain't doin' nuthin' but jis backing up what Elder Muse done been preaching all de time any how."

T. T. Martin always said to those of us on the Blue Mountain evangelistic staff, "If you don't strike hurtful and sinful practices harder than the pastor does, you will weaken the pastor with his people and in his stand for righteousness. And the right kind of Christian living. People will turn further away from their pastor and praise you because you don't strike those things and the pastor does." T. T. Martin is right! Every pastor needs just that support from the voice of an outside man, and a man who has the ear and confidence of the people as the evangelist does.

The Holy Spirit does not work against the laws of human mind and personality but in cooperation with them. There are certain general but fixed elements in the message, the emphasis of the message and the delivery of the message as well as the general direction of the services that make for immediate decision of people and acceptance of the terms of salvation. I doubt that any one can write these general elements of successful evangelistic preaching out in such way they could be considered as stated laws of evangelistic preaching. I suppose the nearest any one has ever come to it was Charles G. Finney in his lectures on revivals. Yet some things he says and lays down as fixed rules I do not accept at all. These general elements of evangelistic preaching do not fit into the general order of preaching necessarily done by the pastor. Every possible angle of revealed truth in its bearing on development of well rounded, well grounded and symmetrical Christian character and spiritual personality of polish and finish and poise, stability and exceeding fruitfulness, must be done by the pastor. To be sure nothing the evangelist says must detract from any of this. All he says must certainly tend toward this. But his primary purpose is to get decisions for Christ. Hence every message must be on one diamond point. The Gospel—and every message must have one dominant note, passionate urgency for immediate decision for Christ. The pastor necessarily can't do that.

There are certain angles of approach certain elements of deftness to general problems and questions and situation, hence greatest effectiveness in dealing with same that the evangelist learns best by constant doing of it, yet he could not write it out as fixed rules or laws to save his life. But he just learns how to do it. While every church is different, has different individual problems, yet there are those things in the main which are common to all and the evangelist faces in all. These the evangelist

learns to do by constant doing. From love for the cause, from love for the Lord, from love for the churches, from love for the pastors, he puts this acquired knowledge to the best possible use in every meeting. The problems peculiar to individual churches have angles to them common to all churches. Hence he learns how to become adept in dealing with these.

Brethren we can not supersede the wisdom of God nor go beyond the New Testament order. God knew what He was doing when He put evangelists in the churches. To be sure the office of evangelist has been abused. So has the office of pastor! Evangelists have fallen for women. So have pastors! Evangelists have become money grabbers. So have pastors. Evangelists have become sentimentalists. So have pastors. Some evangelist won't go except where they can get a big offering. So some pastors won't go except where there is a big salary. Some evangelists are sensational, spectacular and shallow. So are some pastors. But most pastors are earnest, sincere, long suffering, sacrificing, loyal and true. So are most evangelists. Most pastors are God called, anointed and fully consecrated. So are most evangelists.

WHAT CAN BAPTISTS SURRENDER?
Editorial in Word and Way

What are the sacred principles, doctrines and practices which Baptists would have to surrender in order to form a union with Methodists, Presbyterians, Disciples, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Congregationalists and Adventists, not to speak of the Church of God, Christian Science, Mormons, and so on?

Well, first of all, to unite with the Methodists, Baptists would have to surrender their democratic, congregational form of church government; the equality of their ministers as to ecclesiastical status; the eternal security of regenerated believers in Christ, and salvation by grace solely through the atonement of Christ's death on the cross, with no reference to good works.

To unite with the Presbyterians, Baptists would have to surrender their congregational church government and submit to government by Presbyteries and Synods—a sort of modified episcopacy. They would have to surrender their opposition to an educational qualification for their ministers, and their repudiation of an extreme, consigns non-elect infants to eternal condemnation. And to unionize with both Methodists and Presbyterians, Baptists would have to surrender their age-long contention that only personal believers are proper subjects for baptism, and that only immersion is scriptural baptism—that the sprinkling of unconscious infants, calling it baptism, is nowhere authorized by the Scriptures, and so on.

A union with Disciples would require Baptists to surrender their contention for restricted communion, and their insistence that obedience to ordinance has nothing to do with the salvation of the soul, which comes through repentance for sin and faith in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus through whom we are saved.

To unite with Episcopalians and Lutherans, Baptists would have to surrender their contention that salvation is not attained through education and catechetical training or the observance of ordinances, or ceremonies, or rituals, but by repentance and faith as above.

To unite with Congregationalists Baptists would have to surrender their protest against modern criticism of the Bible and adopt what has come to be called the "New Theology."

To unite with Adventists, Baptists would have to surrender their contention for the observance of the Lord's Day instead of the Jewish Sabbath, and so on.

The editor got a glimpse Sunday of about half of his children and grandchildren. Those in Mississippi came to greet those from Colorado. We got back from a preaching engagement in time to shake hands with them before they scattered. It's a great occasion at our house when these get together.

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THE MASTER'S DESIRES FOR HIS WORKMEN

G. C. Hodge, Biloxi, Miss.

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The Master Calls His Workmen To Their Work. Not only does He call pastors and evangelists to their work, He also calls deacons, teachers and others to their work.

We all know how important it is for pastors to be called of God to preach. The pastor who feels called of God to his particular field of labor feels that God has a work for him to do, and will lead him in it. He therefore takes his work seriously, and is courageous. On the other hand, the pastor who is not conscious of a divine call to his particular pastorate may not feel that God has a definite work for him to do. He therefore may not take his work seriously or feel that God is with him. Consequently he may not be courageous or dependable. The same is true of other workmen. If there are teachers, superintendents, sectaries, deacons, ushers, musicians and others who are not taking their work seriously it may be they have never felt called of God to their work. They probably accepted their position simply because some one or some group asked them to serve.

If we as workmen for God are to measure up to His desires we must fit into His program and do the work for which He prepared us when He endowed us with talents. There are at least four things which the Master desires of all His workmen whether they be ministers or laymen:

I. The Master Wants His Workmen To Be Loyal and True To Him. During the world war when General Pershing placed the American army under the command of General Foch, commander of all the allied forces, he said, "Infantry, artillery, aviation, all that we have are yours. Dispose of them as you will." The Master wants His workmen to make such a consecration as that to Him. How can they be true to Him unless they do?

1. To be loyal and true to the Master His workmen must be true to His word, and to those whom they are called to serve. How, for instance, can ministers or laymen be true to the Master unless they study the Bible and live according to its precepts? Or how can they be true to Him unless they endeavor (1) to win to Christ those whom they are called to serve, (2) teach them the word of God, (3) inspire and lead them to become servants of the Master?

2. There are many in our churches today who are studying the Bible and living consecrated lives and are busy each day, yet are untrue to the Master because they are not ministering to those they are called to serve. They are ministering only to the privileged classes, and are neglecting the poorest, the most illiterate, the most unfortunate, the down-and-outs and the up-and-outs. Does the Master want His workmen to minister only to the more fortunate ones who come voluntarily to them for instruction, counsel and comfort, and to those who are overtaken by sickness and sorrow?

II. The Master Wants His Workmen To Become Like Him. "Whom he did foreknow, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son." Rom. 8:29.

We know a young woman who is the very image of her mother, and a young man who walks and talks like his father. They are constantly, though unconsciously, reminding people of their parents. The Master wants His workmen to be conformed to His image so they will constantly remind all who they come in contact with of Jesus.

Gypsy Smith, Sr., was preaching in Paris some years ago. At the close of the service cards were handed out for those to sign who desired to become Christians. One card was signed by a young princess of the house of Bourbon. Gypsy Smith had been speaking in English and this princess did not understand English. Her companion therefore expressed surprise and said, "Why, you did not understand a word he said." "I know I did not," was her reply, "but I could tell by the very tone of his voice and by the look of his face that he has something that I

need." The Master is pleased with His workmen when others can see Jesus in them.

The word "conform" means "to become like." No one is like Jesus when he becomes a Christian, but God wants every Christian to become like Him. No one can become fully like Christ in this life, but each one of us should become more like Him each day. If we do we must live and grow like Jesus lived and grew. He lived the foursquare life, and grew in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man.

He has given to each of us four tools with which to work: a body, a mind, a heart and a soul. If therefore we become like Christ we must make use of each of these tools. This means that we must work, play, love and worship, and thus live the foursquare life. It is only by working and playing and loving and worshiping that we can grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. Sad therefore the day when any one of the Master's workmen ceases to work or play or love or worship.

In order that we might get the Christlike life fixed more clearly in mind, draw on a piece of paper a perfect square, and write above it the word, "Mental." Label the right side "Religious," the bottom "Physical," and the left side "Social." As we look at this square, the emblem of the foursquare life, we will see that it is the most perfect, the most attractive, the most complete life that can be lived, for if either side be shortened or lengthened it ceases to be a square and becomes lopsided and unattractive. So it is in life. If one neglects or overemphasizes either his social, mental, physical or religious life he becomes lopsided, unattractive and unChristlike.

III. The Master Wants His Workmen To Work With Him. "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me." There are multitudes in our churches who are not measuring up to the Master's desire because they think of themselves as working for Christ, as doing their Christian duty, and as carrying on the work of the kingdom, while Christ Himself is away off somewhere attending to the affairs of the nations. Those who think of themselves as working for Christ (1) are not conscious of His presence, (2) they do not talk to Him in prayer, (3) they depend upon their own wisdom, strength and efforts for success in their work, (4) they become careless, indifferent, idle, and (5) they at times feel that God has forsaken them.

1. Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you." He wants His workmen to yoke-up with Him and work with Him. Think of you and the Master as yokefellows working side by side pulling at the same task at the same time. How much can you and Jesus pull? How much can you and Jesus do in a day? in a year? Is there anything too difficult for you and Jesus? He wants you, and each of His workmen, to take His yoke upon you and be His yokefellow. Those who think of themselves as working with Christ (1) are conscious of His presence, (2) they talk to Him in prayer, (3) they depend upon Him for wisdom and strength in their work, (4) they serve unselfishly, (5) they are happy in Christ.

2. Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me." Learn what? Learn how to work. In the yesterdays when we worked oxen we had a large ox named Buck. Buck was strong, gentle and dependable. When we wanted to break-in a young ox we would put him in the yoke with Buck and tie his tail to Buck's tail so he couldn't turn in the yoke. By walking along side of Buck he would very quickly learn to work.

The Master wants His workmen to yoke-up with Him, to walk with Him and learn to work like He worked. There are three things about His work which He wants His workmen to learn and to practice:

(1) He did all His work in the spirit of love, sympathy and kindness. Never did he speak a harsh word to or criticize anyone except hypocrites. When, for instance, he was at Jacob's well a young woman of the streets came to draw water from the well. Jesus knew all about her sinful life, but He did not rebuke her, or shame her or condemn the evil traffic she was promoting in her town. He knew that to do so would

but antagonize her and put her on the defensive. On the contrary therefore, he talked to her about God and about the blessings that come to those who believe on God. When she expressed a desire for the joys of salvation, he told her what she must do to be saved and mentioned her sins, but in a gentle, indirect way. She not only turned from her sins, and to God, but she became a flaming evangelist and led to Christ many of her former companions in sin. In all His work He demonstrated that love, sympathy and kindness are more powerful and more effective than hate, criticism and denunciation.

(2) He dramatized the power of God, and thus caught the attention of the multitudes and got His message over to them. Business men find that it pays to dramatize. They therefore spend millions of dollars annually demonstrating their products. They find that stating a truth is not enough. It has to be made vivid, interesting, dramatic. The manufacturers of a new rat poison gave dealers a window display which included two live rats. The week the rats were shown, sales mounted to five times their normal sale. Another, who dealt in auto supplies, rigged up a display for an indestructible spark plug. To show how strong it was, the plug was dashed up and down against a rock. As a result of this the sales increased 1,000 per cent.

Stating or preaching the truths of the Gospel is not enough. The truths of the Gospel must be made vivid, attractive, dramatic. Think what it would mean if every workman in our churches would become a demonstrator for God, and demonstrate His love, His power and His principles in their homelife, their social life and their business life. The attention of the world would be attracted to Christ, our churches would be filled, and we could preach the Gospel to the multitudes.

(3) He looked for and saw the best that was in people. The people saw only evil in Matthew, and hated him, but Jesus saw in him the greatest of possibilities and one who could, better than any other, write the first book in the New Testament. The people saw nothing to be desired in Simon, but Jesus saw in him characteristics which, if dedicated to God, would make of him the foremost apostle. He sees the best that is in you and me, and He wants His workmen to see the best in the people about them.

IV. The Master Wants His Workmen To Do His Work. "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also." Jno. 14:12.

What did Jesus do? He made people conscious of God, and of their relationship to God. He now wants His workmen to be conformed to His image, to work with Him, and to be true to Him in order that they might make the people about them conscious of God, and of their relation to God.

The people about us are in one respect like sailors. There are thousands of sailors on the seas tonight who do not know what their relation is to the port they are seeking to enter, nor can they know without some one to assist them. Fortunately for them every ship has on it at least one who understands how to make known their position. Their position cannot be determined by the water, or the ship, or anything near them because everything about them is constantly changing. There are however in the heavens above some stars that are fixed; that never move except according to the laws governing their motion. By determining their relation to these stars the sailors know for a certainty their position and relation to their desired haven. There are thousands of people about us who do not know what their relationship is to God, nor can they know without some one to teach them. Fortunate are they if they have one with them who understands how to make them know their position. The Bible and Christ are as unchangeable as the stars. By determining their relation to the Bible and to Christ they may know for a certainty their position and relation to the Father and to heaven.

To make people conscious of God and of their relationship to Him, Jesus did six things: three

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Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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TURN YOUR EYES TOWARD G. A.'s

"G. A. Focus Week, May 9-15." The counselors and members of 7,471 Girls' Auxiliaries have been looking forward to this date since the Plan of Work for 1937 appeared in the W. M. U. Year Book. Now what shall we do? Everything—everything that will show what G. A.'s are doing and point to what more can be done.

Do the members of your church, the people of your community appreciate what Girls' Auxiliary is and does? Begin there then. Pastor, W. M. U. Young People's Director, G. A. counselor, W. M. S. president, committee of G. A.'s, can all meet and plan a concerted information service by printed publicity in newspapers, church bulletin, word of mouth as G. A.'s or once G. A.'s speak in testimony of G. A. values, by posters in church and community. This wise committee will also find the young people's page in Royal Service helpful.

Include all phases of G. A. activity in your planning for the week. One day meet for a mission study class, probably Saturday will be best for this, with a walk to some choice home or spot, morning and afternoon study, picnic lunch, and recreation before going home. Plan special Personal Service; work on the Forward Steps; begin or continue the Tithing Investigations suggested in Stewardship Education plans for young people (leaflet free from W. M. U. state headquarters). Make extra enlistment effort by a well planned visitation of uninterested girls and their mothers. How is your Standard of Excellence chart shaping up by now? If you haven't had a wall chart order or make one this very week.

Your G. A. may wish to entertain in honor of their mothers with a program and social hour. A coronation ceremony for the Forward Step achievements would make a delightful program, or a series of talks by the girls on their G. A. Star Ideals, value of G. A. to them. Have a display of G. A. posters, handwork of Forward Steps and from regular programs and mission study classes. A few G. A.'s will serve as guides for this exhibit. Continue such "open house" so that the fathers can come also.

Probably the pastor will invite the G. A.'s to be special guests at Sunday services, sitting in reserved seats, participating with song by all G. A.'s or a quartette, or by quoting a desired Scripture, or giving the G. A. Aim and Allegiance in splendid unison. At Sunday evening or mid-week prayer meeting the Stewardship demonstration in May "World Comrades" would be effective, or the G. A. initiation service, or a meaningful Forward Step recognition service with the G. A.'s in each Step showing what they have learned. The pantomime of the G. A. hymn is always suitable for such an open meeting, too. (10 cents from W. M. U. Headquarters, Birmingham, Ala.)

In some associations the associational young people's leader may plan a G. A. associational rally, inviting G. A.'s to a central place for a fine program and fellowship together. Give adequate announcement to such plans, notifying W. M. U. presidents as well as G. A. organizations so that the W. M. U. will be ready to help take the girls to such a meeting. Be sure the program is thoroughly missionary and daintily girlish throughout. Urge that girls from churches where no G. A. is organized come also, so that they may catch "the G. A. spirit" and be ready to start

their organization from that fine contagion.

Focus Week has already proved of real permanent value in giving G. A.'s a better understanding of their own usefulness and in giving others a better comprehension of G. A. values. Thinking of girls in all the 7,417 G. A.'s of our Southland and in that growing number around the world inspires our G. A.'s in America to more zealous service. Let every G. A. counselor, every W. M. U. young people's director see that her G. A. observes Focus Week.

—Miss Juliette Mather.

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The following officers were elected at our recent meeting:

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4. To be filled later.
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7. Mrs. J. H. Matthews, Gulfport.
8. Mrs. I. L. Toler, Gloster.

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1. Mrs. G. A. Carothers, Jackson.
2. Mrs. J. A. Murphy, Rosedale.
3. Mrs. Bert Ebeling, Como.
4. Mrs. Silas Cooper, Tupelo.
5. Mrs. Lester Brown, Kosciusko.
6. Mrs. J. H. Street, Meridian.
7. To be filled later.
8. Mrs. L. B. O'Mara, New Hebron.

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I ATTENDED A STATE-WIDE W. M. U. CONVENTION FOR THE FIRST TIME

Frank E. Skilton

Blue Mountain College

Two weeks ago I received a lesson in statesmanship. I attended my first W. M. U. State Convention. It was held at Hattiesburg. It was the first state-wide meeting of women of any group I ever attended.

From impressions given by funny papers and movie comedies I was prepared to expect a more or less garrulous gathering. I want to say, however, although I have attended meetings of many denominations and meetings of many governmental groups in many states, I have never attended a meeting conducted with more ability and dispatch. The order of business was meticulously followed. Everything clicked with clock-like precision.

The women came with a sole purpose—an eye single to the Great Commission. They remained throughout all sessions. There was not an "axe-grinder" in the lot; there was no special-interest lobbying; there was no "politickin'"; there was

no filibustering; not once did a woman pop up with an irrelevancy and delay the proceedings. The only personality magnified was that of our Lord. There were no denominational politics. Christian statesmanship prevailed. There is a vast deal of difference between politics and statesmanship. The former contemplates the next election—the latter, the next generation, or eternity. I was so fascinated that I did not miss a single session.

All business was transacted as scheduled. If anything went overtime it was prayer, devotion, and the seeking of God's will, none of which can be overdone.

Yes, two weeks ago, I attended my first statewide W. M. U. Convention. I plan to attend others. God has shown that no worthy enterprise can measure up to its possibilities without the ennobling influence of woman.

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SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Royal Ambassadors

R. A. Camp, Castalian Springs, Durant, Miss. Our boys! It was said on one occasion, "There is a lad here." We have many lads and R. A. Camp calls for them June 1-5. Price \$5.00 for the 5 days beginning Tuesday A. M. and closing Saturday after lunch. Boys 9-16 years of age. Y. W. A.

1. Statewide Y. W. A. Camp, July 20-24. Tuesday A. M. through lunch Saturday. Price \$5.00. Mission study, conferences, inspirational messages, recreation, social life, etc. Some of the teachers and speakers are: Mrs. W. E. Allen, Brazil; Miss Emma Leachman, Home Mission Board; Miss Vena Augillard, missionary to the French; Mrs. Ned Rice, Statewide W. M. U. President; Miss Frances Traylor, State Corresponding Secretary, W. M. U.; Camp Director, Edwina Robinson, Young People's Secretary.

2. Southwide Y. W. A. Camp—Ridgecrest, N. C., June 22-July 2. A chartered bus will go from Jackson, June 20, chaperoned by Edwina Robinson. Total expenses, including registration fee, room and board 10 days, bus fare, expenses en route will be about \$35.00. Of course sightseeing trips (entrance fees, not transportation) will be extra.

G. A.—

District Junior Girls' Auxiliary Camps, under the director of your district young people's leaders. They will be sending your counselor definite announcements.

Some definite things you can lead the Missionary Society to do:

1. Pray for these meetings.
2. See that your auxiliaries are represented at each.
3. Furnish transportation for your group.

For further information write Edwina Robinson, Box 530, Jackson.

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We have learned that Rev. T. W. Talkington offered his resignation at Crystal Springs, but the church declined to accept it.

There were nearly forty additions to Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, last week in the young people's revival conducted by students in Mississippi College. They had large congregations, and good interest throughout the congregation. The preaching was by several different students, and the singing was under their direction.

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EAST MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT

By R. L. BRELAND

GIFTS AND GIVING

Recently I was talking to a brother about giving along many lines. As we proceeded the question of the pastor's salary was mentioned. It was suggested that there were pastors who were afraid to stress missions for fear that it would hurt the collecting of their salary as pastor. I told him that my experience was that it did not hurt the getting of the salary to stress and take offerings for missions, but that it helped to get it. He said that he wished I would say that to the world. Well, I am never afraid to say anything I believe and know to be true.

I have found out from experience with myself and others that when we stress the paying to all phases of the denominational work, and take offerings when necessary, that the preacher's salary almost always was easier to raise. There is a reason for that. When we fail to stand for the whole program, it is often the case that we rather oppose certain phases of the work. When we do this the membership, that is looking for a way out of giving any way, will conclude that if it is wrong to give to this or that, it is likely wrong to give to any of the causes; so often greatly decreasing their gifts or quit giving altogether. Then the pastor's salary begins to suffer. I have seen this happen many times over.

No, brother pastor, it will not hurt, but will help, in the securing of your own salary to advocate and stress every phase of the denominational work and give to all of them proportionately. If you want to fail to receive your salary, fall down on the other offerings and nearly every time your salary will fall off. God means what He says, so if we disobey Him He will not help us. More anon.

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NORTH-CENTRAL ASSEMBLY
The North-Central Pastors' Bible Study Assembly met with Elam Church, near Coffeeville April 19.

The attendance was very good. The study was Acts 20-24. Rev. L. J. Crumby delivered a splendid sermon on "Genuine Worship," John 4:23. At the noon hour the ladies of Elam and Scuna Valley Baptist Churches spread an abundant and appetizing dinner under the shade of the old oak trees.

The preachers attending were: R. B. Patterson, L. J. Crumby, F. Z. Huffstatler, C. H. Ellard, C. E. Patch, J. H. Sherman, R. M. Lewis, E. R. Henderson, R. B. Hicks, G. N. Eudy, Virgil Ratliff, S. H. Shepard and R. L. Breland. Leading laymen present were: G. E. Denley, C. P. Lee, J. F. Burcham, M. E. Brewer and J. V. Yarbrough. Many women attended. We missed Rev. J. W. Hicks who seldom fails to attend. Singing led by J. H. Sherman, pianist Mrs. Gertha Harbour.

It was an enjoyable day. The Spirit was present and brotherly love prevailed. Dr. W. E. Farr, who recently died, was remembered with resolutions. The ladies were thanked for their hospitality. It was voted to meet with Fellowship, at Bellfontaine, Monday after the fourth Sunday in May.

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Rev. Virgil Ratliff of B. B. I., pastor of Cascilla Baptist Church, was with us at the assembly. He made a favorable impression on all present. Come again.

A letter from Pastor B. T. Bishop tells us that a new Baptist church has been organized at Ruth, Miss., in a needy field. He is asking for a small donation to help in the building of a church. "Bear ye one another's burdens and thus fulfill the law."

Rev. John R. Breland, pastor at Jackson, La., sends a program of the Eastside Bible Conference held at Mandeville, La., April 13-15. The theme was Evangelism and Missions. The subjects and speakers listed indicated a good meeting.

A letter from Dr. C. L. Breland, Richmond, Ky., says: "We begin a nine days' meeting with the Rossoffs (converted Jews) tonight. We are in the thick of a local option fight, with some \$25,000 slush fund enlisted against us, and all that we have is God." You have the majority. "God and one person make a majority."

The Calhoun City Baptist Church has called a council of churches, to ordain brother J. H. Sherman, for April 29th, 8 p. m. Brother Sherman has been called to three churches as pastor—Dividing Ridge, Pine Grove and New Hope in Yalobusha County.

We are grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Judson Chastain, beloved wife of Pastor Chastain of Lexington. So recently the family has lost a brother. May the Lord sustain.

Am in receipt of a program of the Baptist Sunday School Convention of Zion Association, which will convene with Sabougla Church, May

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30th. Brother J. M. Harvey of Mathiston is the president and is doing a splendid work in his association.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

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Union County has never had a Vacation Bible school. But this year New Albany Baptists plan one in June and Pastor Kirkland has planned with pastors of other churches in the association to bring in their workers for several days to observe a school in operation. Then these workers will promote schools in their own churches also. In this way several schools will be held in the county this year for the first time. Other counties might plan similar arrangements and thus give workers of several churches an opportunity to get firsthand information about this work.

E. C. Williams.

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A letter from Rev. D. Wade Smith brings the information that he and Mr. M. E. (Otis) Perry are going back to the work of evangelism and will locate in Mississippi. They were employed by the Mississippi Convention Board 1927-1929. Since then brother Smith has been pastor in Fort Worth and brother Perry has been pastor's assistant at Denton,

Texas. They feel divinely led to this work, and are well and favorably known. After experiences in the pastorate they feel that they can be of more service to the churches. They will attend the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans, and will be with Pastor C. O. Estes in a meeting in Morton beginning June 16.

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Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, superintendent of the Department of Evangelism under the Home Mission Board, made a fine impression upon all the people connected with the campaign in Tampa. His fine spirit, his optimism, his firm belief in the Gospel, his loyalty to Jesus Christ will win wherever he goes. The denomination is very fortunate in having such a man at the head of the department just now.—G. H. Crutcher in Baptist Witness.

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The sympathy of many friends is with brother E. C. Williams and his family in their suffering due to an automobile collision a week ago. Brother Williams has been kept at home for a week; his mother has even more seriously hurt and his wife and two children less seriously hurt when a drunken negro truck driver ran into them on highway 49 near Star.

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Lesson for May 2 THE FATHER OF THE FAITHFUL Genesis 12:1-13:8

This is the first of two lessons on Abraham. Nay, it is the first of two lessons on God as He manifests Himself to Abraham and wrought on the world through Abraham. So we want to find God in the story of this grand old patriarch. We have not far to seek.

Abraham was a native of a vast empire which had its capitol in the lower Euphrates valley and stretched westward from this region to Egypt. Abraham's native city was Ur or the Chaldees, at the time of Abraham's birth, probably a port on the Persian Gulf, though now 120 miles inland, the gulf having been filled with silt brought down by the rivers during these four thousand years. The city was a great maritime emporium, a walled town of high civilization and an extensive commerce.

Abraham was son of the house of Shem, ten generations removed from Noah, if the names of all his lineal ancestors are included in the lists we have. If only the names of the prominent ones are mentioned, as is true in many of the ancient genealogical tables, the number of generations separating Noah and Abraham may be more than ten.

If we allow ourselves to think of Abraham as a crass, uncouth, unlettered man, we shall very likely be thinking quite wide of the mark. He lived in the midst of two nations of a culture which was hoary with age. The archaeologists have unearthed in Egypt documents written a full 600 years before Abraham, which show a high degree of culture to have existed in Egypt at that early date. Contemporary with Abraham lived Hammurabi, mighty king of Babylon, whose celebrated code of laws was discovered engraved upon a monument, and so rich altogether are the discoveries of relics of this great king that his reign has been called the Augustan age of Babylonian literature. There were in this age some good people, devotees of the true religion, worshippers of the one God.

I. God's Sovereign Choice.

Out of the world of men then living, God made choice of Abraham. He chose whom He pleased. Why did He not choose Melchizedek? He was a priest of God Most High (Gen. 14:18-20). It is sufficient to answer: "God chose Abraham, because it pleased Him to do so." Have you seen evidence that God chooses the men and women whom He pleases to choose? Have you seen Him call to the enjoyment of eternal life a man whom you had not thought of as being in line for that call? Have you seen a boy or young man re-

spond to what he said was a call to preach when you could not see how God could call that one? and have you lived to see God honor the ministry of that one in spite of what you had thought of it?

God called Abraham to break with his past, to cease to live the old life and enter into the living of a new. Has He not called you to do the same thing? If you have not heard Him so call you, I pray He may enable you to do so now.

God called Abraham to a life of loneliness, away from his kindred and the companionships of the former years, to a life of separation from those who had made up the companions of his youth. This also is God's way. He calls His own away from the companions and interests to which the old life bound them.

God called Abraham to a life of hardship, of renunciation. He was to be a pilgrim to a foreign land, a wanderer among strange people. He was to give up his business connections and start anew.

God called Abraham into a closer walk with Himself. As Abraham withdrew from the city of Ur and the populous plains of his native country, he would be the better enabled to see the stars of God, the valleys hollowed by the finger of God, the mountains piled up and the plains spread out by the hand of God. With the roar and clangor of clashing things grown faint and become lost in the distance, Abraham would the easier hear the voice of God. Away from the masses of wealth men had piled up in the rich valleys of his native country, Abraham might come to sing with understanding, "Thou, mine everlasting portion." Away from the counsellors of his youth, Abraham might lean the harder on the understanding and advice of God.

God called Abraham to be blessed. "Of course! Any call of any person into fellowship with God is a call into a happy state!" Oh, no, it is not "of course" at all. The wrong kind of a man would be utterly miserable with God. Here I make no doubt we come upon one great reason in the mind of God for calling Abraham. He was such a man as God could make happy. "As God could make!" Yes, as God could make. Abraham was such a man as would yield himself pliant to the molding touch of God.

God called Abraham to be a blessing. And such a blessing was Abraham to be that all the world would have cause to be glad that he lived. You who read these lines as well as the writer of them did as he wrote them would do well now to pause and thank God that Abraham lived and responded to the call of God. And primarily and ultimately that is the reason behind God's call of every one who hears His voice. He wants men that they may be a blessing to the world, to engage with Him in the splendid work of making the world a better place in which to live.

II. God's Choice Was A Test of Abraham.

His call is a test in every case. When God's call rings in the ears of any man, God's straight-edge is thereby laid beside that man's path, God's plumbline is applied to the

structure of that man's character. God's call to any man flings him into God's crucible above God's fire of testing, and the ardor of that fire tests the man above it of what material he is made.

God's test of Abraham was five-fold. If you say the tests were five, I shall not quarrel with you. Here they are: (1) The test of separation (Gen. 12:1-9); (2) The test of famine (Gen. 12:10-20); (3) The test of Riches (Gen. 13); (4) The test of power (Gen. 14); (5) The test of delay (Gen. 16).

His call is ever testing men. "He is sounding forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat. He is sifting out the hearts of man before His judgment seat." Every call is a testing call; every day is a testing day, for you, for me.

III. Abraham's Response To God's Expressed Choice.

The expression of God's choice in His call to Abraham embodied a great promise. Great lives are trained by great promises. Great-souled men hear the call of God to high endeavor, and, accommodating their speech to the dull ears of their fellows, they speak of an ideal which beckons them. It may be true that even the men who hear the calls of God do not themselves recognize

the call as being to them the voice of God. Here in the case of Abraham there is no way by which one may tell in just what form came the call to him. It may have come in the form of a deepening impression that he ought to do what he finally did, or it may have sounded in his soul in any one of the many ways in which God speaks to men. But the point worth while remembering is that Abraham had the sense to recognize the source of the call, to know that only God would call him to forsake the material for the spiritual, the good for the best. The promise to Abraham throws light on the compensations of life.

What are the worth while rewards of endeavor? Well, the answer to that question will vary with the characters of the men and women who make answer. Ask God what is worth while. Here in His call to Abraham He is saying what is of greatest worth. To live a life of loyalty to God and of consequent

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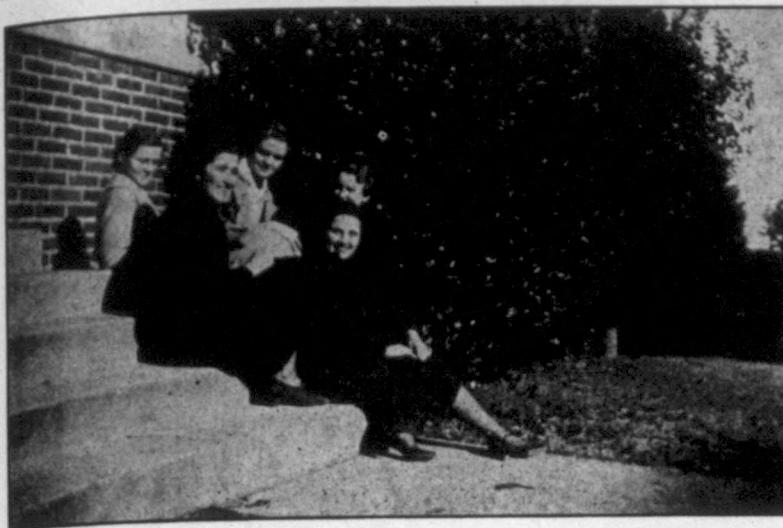
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PROGRAM OF MEN'S RALLY
May 12, Roosevelt Hotel
New Orleans

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Morning Session

J. H. Anderson, Presiding
9:30—Worship in Song, conducted by E. O. Sellers, New Orleans. Scripture Reading, J. L. Denson, Jackson, Miss.

Prayer, J. A. Carnley, Elba, Ala. 9:45—Welcome, J. H. Tharp, New Orleans.

9:50—Response, J. E. George, Oklahoma.

9:55—Appointment of Committees.

10:05—Origin and Purpose of the Brotherhood, J. T. Henderson, General Secretary.

10:20—Value of a Local Brotherhood, Hugh F. Latimer, Brotherhood Secretary of Florida.

10:35—Reports from Local Brotherhoods. Five minutes each. George H. Ketchen, Knoxville, Tenn.; Rev. A. C. Huff, Tulia, Texas.

10:45—Music by Baptist Brotherhood Quartet of Louisiana State University: Robert Guy, Charles Moore, Furman Strickland, Lyn Elder.

10:50—Value of an Associational Brotherhood, T. L. Tyson, Franklin, Texas.

11:00—Reports from Associational Brotherhoods. Five minutes each. A. J. Pddy, Lakeland, Florida; Ernest Dickey, Bristol, Virginia.

11:10—Value of State Regional Meetings, S. W. Driggers, Brotherhood Secretary of Missouri.

11:25—Value of Statewide Brotherhood, E. A. Herron, Brotherhood Secretary of New Mexico.

11:40—Voluntary Discussion on Above Brotherhoods.

11:55—Song by Audience.

12:00—What is Right with the Church? Lawson H. Cooke, Associate Secretary.

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Afternoon Session

J. A. Carnley, Elba, Ala., Presiding
2:00—Worship in Song, conducted by J. Herrick Hall, New Orleans.

2:10—Prayer, Chas. M. Ness, Baltimore, Md.

2:15—Reports by Brotherhood Secretaries: Andrew Allen, Tennessee, and W. Perry Crouch, North Carolina.

2:30—A Demonstration by the Brotherhood of the First Baptist

Church, Shreveport, La.

3:30—What the Brotherhood Has Meant to Me, D. H. Powell, Shreveport, La.

3:45—Baptist Hundred Thousand Club, Dr. J. E. Dillard, Nashville, Tenn.

4:05—The Reason Why, Ollie B. Webb, Jefferson, Texas.

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Evening Session

W. C. Goodman, Macon, Mo., Presiding

7:30—Worship in Song, conducted by I. E. Reynolds, Fort Worth, Tex.

Prayer, Harry Wilson, Carmi, Ill. 7:45—Miscellaneous.

7:55—The Layman's Bible Reading and Prayer Life, Geo. E. Hays, Louisville, Ky.

8:05—Driving or Drifting, D. R. Isom, Shreveport, La.

8:15—The Layman Applying the Christian Religion, I. G. Greer, Thomasville, S. C.

8:45—Music by Quartet.

8:50—Men and Missions, Dr. Theodore F. Adams, Richmond, Va.

9:30—Final Adjournment.

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FLASHES FROM M. S. C. W.

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Two distinguished visitors were at the Baptist Workshop recently. First came Miss Edwina Robinson, State Young People's Secretary with the Woman's Missionary Union, with headquarters at Jackson. Her radiant vitality, and her understanding of Young Woman's Auxiliary work and its needs helped the M. S. C. W. organization to new life. We wish her visit could have been longer than the short two days she was at the Workshop.

The second welcome guest at the Workshop was Miss Ruby Taylor, from the Mississippi State Sunday School Board, Jackson. With her charming graciousness and her enthusiasm for Vacation Bible schools in the churches of the state, she inspired many students to sponsor a school in their churches.

—Pansy Simmons, Reporter.



FOREST CHURCH

We are rejoicing over the fact that on Sunday last there were eight who presented themselves for membership into the church. This was at the regular preaching services when we heard two gospel messages from our pastor. Several others are already awaiting baptism. The leaven is rising, the spiritual atmosphere of the church is deepening. Another important happening over which we rejoice is that the Baptist Record has been subscribed to by practically every Baptist family in the town. This has not been done by the budget, but by the individuals, and without any special pressure. Our committee sent in a subscription list last week of one hundred and nineteen. Now we are wondering if we can not boast of the largest number of individual subscribers of any church in the state of under five hundred membership.

Our Young Men's Class now has a membership of forty-seven. We expect great things of them because of their increasing interest. The T. E. L. Class with Mr. F. L. Coker as their efficient teacher, had an attendance of twenty-five.

Much outstanding work has been done in the Baptist Training Union by the consecrated leader, Miss Lavelle Coker and the wholehearted cooperation of her helpers. Miss Coker's faithfulness deserves special mention, and her artistic ability gives us the benefit of beautiful and helpful posters. Under her leadership our young people are being well trained for service. There are sixty-seven enrolled in B. T. U.

Mrs. Wm. Hannah is the capable leader for the Story Hour children, twelve in number, and a program given by them last night would be a credit to much older children than her group of twelve.

We hope to report good things of our enlistment month efforts.

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Juanita Creech, Secretary.

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PASTORS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS TAKE NOTICE!

There will be a Fellowship Breakfast Saturday morning, 7:00 o'clock, May 15, at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans. The price of the breakfast will be 65 cents. Dr. Luther Holcomb, Secretary of the Sunday School Board, is very anxious to have Sunday school workers, B. T. U. workers and pastors attend this Fellowship Breakfast. I will be very glad indeed to have Mississippi well represented at this breakfast. There will be a splendid program that will prove profitable to all who attend.

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The Children's Circle

MRS. P. I. LIPSEY

My dear children:

Aren't you enjoying these lovely, real spring days? Each one seems a little prettier than the day before. And how the flowers and shrubs are coming out! I have at least six big spirea bushes that are coming into second bloom, having had all their buds destroyed by frost two months ago, or earlier. I didn't know they could come back, but here they are, the flowers this time being thickly set among the young leaves.

Several letters this time. The first is from Ernestine Bailey, secretary of the Bay Springs Junior B. Y. P. U., who sends not only their monthly dues for which we are very grateful, but also some appreciative words showing that I am not the only one who has eyes to see the beauties of nature which are making such rapid progress now all around us. Of course, we all understand these things are God's ways of telling us how much He loves us.

We are so glad to have a nice letter from Thelma Jean Brantley, sending her birthday offering and answers to Mrs. Mayo's puzzle. I wonder if she will tell us if she has ever written to us before? I have been looking through my books and did not find her name. But we are glad to have her now.

Zula Rhodes writes to tell us something of her teachers and school, which is closing just about now. Julia Frances' school at Magee is out, and doubtless others, though it seems early. You'll all have time to pick blackberries, and help mother to turn them into jam and jelly, won't you? Brother F. E. Pitts sends us a generous gift, and a kind and sweet-spirited letter. I am distributing his gift just as he directs.

Billie Burt sends a generous letter, too, with \$2.00 in it, and knows what he wants me to do with it, which is certainly going to be done. He is a little boy to be making all A's, isn't he?

This morning comes a check from DeLand, Florida, where Jeannie and Ann live, with their mamma and papa. Jeannie sends forty cents, Ann sends ten cents, and the whole family sends ten dollars. That gives us a long step forward for the Orphans, doesn't it? We are certainly grateful, and pleased to have the money.

Don't forget what I told you last week about the quarter-to-two club—a club to which anybody can belong who will give 25 cents each month for our two causes. Read over what I said about it last week, and see if you can't help as much as that each month. You don't have to ask anybody else, unless you want to, to go into it. Of course, it takes a stamp, but you would like to write to us once a month, anyhow, wouldn't you? Of course, you have to talk with father and mother about it; we don't have any secrets from them, do we?

Goodbye, with much love, from, Mrs. Lipsey

STORIES ABOUT THE PROPHET ELISHA

No. 1. A Miracle of Mercy in Jericho. 2 Kings 2:13-22.

After Elijah's departure to heaven in the chariot of fire, Elisha took up the mantle which fell from his beloved master, and went back to the bank of the Jordan. Elijah had promised him that if the young man were with him when he went away, and saw his departure, Elisha's request to be Elijah's successor as prophet and teacher should be granted. Elisha had seen it, and now on the river's bank he began to walk in Elijah's steps. As he had seen Elijah do, he does, and God honored His young servant as He had His old one, and Elisha went

over on dry ground across the river bed. But the young prophets who came to meet him were uneasy about Elijah, for they had not seen him go. They begged Elisha to let them go to look for him, fifty of them, and though he first refused, he finally yields to their request, knowing it is useless. So they search for him three days, but finally gave up the hope of finding him.

While Elisha waited at Jericho for them, the men of the city had a favor to ask of him. "This is a pleasant city," they said, "but the water was bad, and the land was barren." They meant that the poisonous spring caused diseases, and caused the fruit to shrivel on the trees, and to fall off before it was ripe. So they asked for the help of the new prophet, and he gladly gave it. He told them to bring him a new jar, and to put some salt in it. They could not see, perhaps, what good salt would do, and it would have done none without God's power, but they obeyed immediately the prophet's direction and brought the jar and salt. Elisha received it and they went out with him to the spring, and he cast the salt into it. Elisha claims no merit for any benefit to the water, but says to the people of the city, "Thus saith the Lord, I have healed these waters: there shall not be from thence any more death or fruitless land." And the waters were healed, made pure and healthful, beneficial to all who drank, in accordance with this word. The gushing waters of the Ain-es-Sultan, are, according to Dr. Farrar, pointed out to this day as the Fountains of Elisha, as they have been since the days of Josephus.

Answers To Mrs. Mayo's Puzzle
April 8th

1. Cain
2. Heth
3. Isaiah
4. Laban
5. David
6. Rison
7. Euphrates
8. Nebuchadnezzar

Thelma Jean Brantley

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Bay Springs, Miss.,
April 14, 1937

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:
Enclosed is club dues for the Bay Springs Junior B. Y. P. U. We are thankful that we can help carry on this work.

We are having such beautiful days now. Spring is my favorite season of the year. I like to watch the growing plants, and the trees putting on new leaves. I also like to see the birds coming back after the winter is over and hear their sweet songs.

Our B. Y. P. U. sends you love and good wishes.

Your friend,

Ernestine Bailey, Secretary
This is a pleasant letter, Ernestine, besides the check in it, and it looks like you and I have been thinking alike, about the world's waking up to the wonder and beauty of spring. The money is a mighty fine thing, too. We thank you all for it.

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Walnut Grove, Miss.,
April 10, 1937

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:
I have been reading the children's page for the last few weeks and I enjoy reading it very much. I am sending my birthday offering, although it is a little late. My birthday was March 1st. I was twelve years old. I have been learning the B. Y. P. U. memory verses every quarter. I am enclosing twelve cents (12c), for the nursery building fund for the Orphanage.

Find enclosed the answers to Mrs.

Mayo's puzzle for April 8th.

Your little friend,

Thelma Jean Brantley
That nursery building fund is coming on very well, Thelma, and I'm hoping it's going to do even better. Thank you for your part in that and for the puzzle answers, and come again soon.

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Neshoba, Miss.,
April 16, 1937

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:
I have been planning to write you for a long time, but I was going to school, and didn't take time. I go to Sunday school at Neshoba. My teacher is Mrs. McNair. Our school will be out next week. My teacher is Miss Brewer. I am sending dues.

With love,
Zula Rhodes

Well, Zula, we're going to expect to hear from you oftener, when school is out. And thank you for the money.

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Pontotoc, Miss.,
Route 3, Box 60-A,
April 20, 1937.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:
My dear accommodating woman: Enclosed find check for three dollars, to be applied—one dollar to the B. B. I. young lady, and two dollars to the orphans. 86 pennies of the two dollars are for my 86th birthday, which I passed the first of this month, and never got hurt, nor crippled in the passing. When I was going to school 75 years ago (plus) I learned a verse of poetry in McGuffey's reader, to-wit: Remember, child, remember, That God is in the sky, That He looks down upon all we do, With an ever wakeful eye. Wouldn't the above verse be fine

put on every mirror in our homes, just to remind us we are still little children compared to Him who is the great I Am that I am.

Yours truly,
F. E. Pitts, Sr.

I gather, brother Pitts, that I have not received your disapproval by being "accommodating," (though I don't know how I am) or you wouldn't be sending me this nice sum of money. I am so glad to get it, and it shall be given exactly as you indicate. Thank you, sir. I offer my congratulations on your birthday, and wishes for other happy ones.

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Hattiesburg, Miss.,
Route 6,
April 20, 1937.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am 7 years old. I like school and make A's on all my work. I like to fish and play marbles. Am sending \$2.00: one for the nursery building fund at the Orphanage; the other for the B. B. I. girl.

With love,

Billie Burt.
You write a good hand, Billie, for seven years old. I hope you will be able to go fishing when school closes. You are sending a mighty good gift, and I thank you for it. God loves a cheerful giver, we read in the Bible.

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Pastor W. R. Haynie will preach the commencement sermon for Kosciusko High School May 23.

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From Ridgecrest To Zurich

This year the Baptist Youth World Congress meets in Zurich, Switzerland, August 7-11. Because of this meeting the annual meeting of the Southwide Baptist Training Union Assembly will be held in Ridgecrest a week earlier than the regular schedule. The assembly will be at Ridgecrest July 18-23. This will make it possible for all who plan to attend the meeting in Zurich to attend this Southwide meeting also.

If you are interested in going to Zurich and would like to have rates, etc., we will be glad to give you the name of several who are working up parties to whom you may write for information.

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Our Mississippi District B. T. U. Conventions

June is just around the corner and June for Mississippi Baptist young people is convention time. This year we will have fifteen district B. T. U. conventions. We have made the districts smaller and by this act hope to reach every B. Y. P. U. in the state for one of these helpful meetings. The meetings will be one day conventions, beginning at nine-thirty in the morning and running through a night service with every one going home after the service, no overnight entertainment is asked or expected. The conventions will begin June 14th and run for three weeks, closing July 2.

Following is the list of districts with date and place of meeting:

District 1, Hinds, Warren, Copiah, Jefferson, Claiborne, July 1st, Utica; (2) Issaquena, Sharkey, Humphreys, Washington, Sunflower, Bolivar, June 16; (3) Yalobusha, Tallahatchie, Grenada, Montgomery, Carroll, Leflore, June 15, Greenwood; (4) Coahoma, Tunica, Quitman, Panola, Tate, DeSoto, June 17, Darling; (5) Lafayette, Pontotoc, Union, Tippah, Benton, Marshall,

June 18, Myrtle; (6) Lee, Itawamba, Tishomingo, Alcorn, Prentiss, June 21, Booneville; (7) Monroe, Lowndes, Clay, Webster, Calhoun, Chickasaw, June 22, Houston; (8) Choctaw, Winston, Neshoba, Kemper, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, June 23, Brooksville; (9) Attala, Leake, Madison, Yazoo, Holmes, June 14, Goodman; (10) Rankin, Scott, Smith, Simpson, July 2, Pelahatchie; (11) Newton, Jasper, Clarke, Lauderdale, June 24, Southside, Meridian; (12) Jones, Wayne, Greene, George, Perry, June 25; (13) Forrest, Pearl River, Lamar, Stone, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, June 28, Pascagoula; (14) Marion, Walthall, Lawrence, Jeff Davis, Covington, June 29, Bunker Hill, Marion County; (15) Lincoln, Pike, Amite, Wilkinson, Adams, Franklin, June 30, First, McComb. Please mark these dates on your calendar and make your plans to attend the convention in your district. The registration fee will be 25 cents. This is requested but not required for attendance. We want all to come who will. The money received through the registration fee goes to provide the program. The host church serves without cost the two meals. We expect these meetings to reach 4,000 individuals with a program that is destined to serve as a blessing.

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THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD AT WOMAN'S COLLEGE JULY 4-9.

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Bolivar Meeting Built Around Study Course Idea

The last regular meeting of the Bolivar County Associational B. T. U., Mr. Bob Crosby, director, was built around the idea of the study course and its value. After a devotional period the program on "Echoes from the Study Course" were heard. The Story Hour was represented by Mrs. T. M. McKorkle of Cleveland, the Junior by Merigold, the Intermediate by Cleveland, the Senior by Boyle, the B. A. U. by Morrison Chapel and Leaders and Sponsors by Skene. The departmental work was then presented by Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Cook, Mr. Slocumb, Miss Plunkett and Mr. Roberts, leaders in the different departments in the association. A closing talk by brother J. J. Bur-

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son, pastor of the Shelby Church, was made a fitting climax for the meeting.

Harmony in Tippah and Sladen in Marshall Organize

Thanks to Pastor A. B. Jones for the information that the Harmony Church in Tippah County and Sladen Church in Marshall County have both organized their B. T. U. work. Mr. Jones is a new comer to Mississippi and we appreciate the fine interest he has in the organized work. He enters right into the spirit of our Mississippi plans for promoting the work and plans to conduct study courses in these churches for the unions. We congratulate the members of these churches for this renewed interest in the work and hope to have good reports from them all along.

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Three New Study Course Books

You will be interested in three new study course books for the Senior B. Y. P. U. One A HAND BOOK FOR CHURCH RECREATION LEADERS, carries a seal on the B. T. U. Administration Diploma and may be studied by Intermediates, Seniors or Adults. Then two distinctly Senior books, Fields of Service in the Church, and, Our Bible, offer fine studies in these two fields. They are to be had from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss., at the regular price of 40c in paper. YOU CANNOT STUDY TOO

MUCH OF THE RIGHT GOOD LITERATURE.

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S. S. ATTENDANCE APRIL 25th

Jackson, First Church	987
Jackson, Calvary Church	997
Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church	764
Jackson, Davis Mem. Church	222
Jackson, Parkway Church	190
Jackson, Northside Church	122
Meridian, 41st Ave. Church	304
Laurel, First Church	522
Laurel, West Laurel Church	481
Laurel, Wausau Church	40
Clarksdale Church	401
Forest Church	201
Forest Church (4-18-37)	204
Springfield Church	108

B. T. U. ATTENDANCE APRIL 25

Jackson, First Church	143
Jackson, Calvary Church	183
Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church	300
Jackson, Davis Mem. Church	104
Jackson, Parkway Church	50
Jackson, Northside Church	30
Meridian, 41st Ave. Church	71
Laurel, First Church	124
Laurel, West Laurel Church	180
Clarksdale Church	132
Springfield Church	56
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**THE CHRISTIAN WORKER AND
THE MOVIE PROBLEM**
Mrs. Urban R. Pattillo
Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans

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The theater has become a vital factor in our American life, being one of the greatest teachers of the people, next in power to the press and pulpit. As such it calls for the closest scrutiny and most searching inquiry upon the part of moral people.

Many Christian workers believe not only that it is all right to see "good" movies, but sometimes recommend certain pictures. Today few people accept or reject anything because someone thinks it is wrong; only facts speak. I shall attempt in this paper to presents facts; then each one who wishes to have power over the lives and souls of people may make his own decision about the Christian worker and the movies.

First let us consider the effect of the movie upon the audience.

A missionary to China has written the sad experience of carrying a group of Chinese girls and boys to see an American movie. Not knowing the type of picture, she consented to go. The picture was "Hollywood Revue." She recounts her embarrassment as she interpreted the words of the actors and actresses to the straining little ears. Before the picture ended, her shame became unbearable and she left the theater amid the protests of her young charges. To them that picture was America, the wonderful land across the sea!

The first harmful effect is the gloss that many shows put upon sin. The base, the wicked, the impure, are frequently exalted, and virtue is made sport of. Religion is scoffed at, blasphemy indulged in, the Bible standard is not recognized, and the Ten Commandments are often flaunted. Criminals become heroes, and the good become simpletons.

A second harmful effect is the positive teaching of crime. Methods and means of crime, murders, and robberies are set forth in lurid details, and instructions in crime are frequently given as explicitly as are the studies of the public schools. Crime is so elevated that people are tempted to do as the hero or heroine did. A striking illustration is told of the confession of a thirteen year old girl to the murder of a nine-months-old baby in Canada. One day the little girl stole the baby, carried it to the woods nearby, removed its clothing, and threw it over an embankment thus causing its death. She then buried the clothing and hid the body. A few days later she announced that she had found the

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body of the baby. When accused of the crime, she confessed that the plan of killing the child was suggested to her by a play she had seen at the theater.

The theater is condemned for its unusual presentation of life. Not only do its plots consist of assassinations, poisonings, and illicit loves and intrigues, but every passion is overdrawn. Anger is madness; ambition, frenzy; love, delirium. The theater presents a different world from that in which nine hundred and ninety-nine out of every thousand live. People, as they look at the glamour of the stage, are made discontent with their own humble place in life. Instead of relaxing, it stimulates and excites.

Another harmful effect is the indecent display of nudity which explains itself and needs no discussion.

The movie produces a breaking down of the moral barriers of the audience. Men and women discuss situations seen on the screen as they viewed it together that refined men and women would not discuss under ordinary conditions. The result is that each loses a certain respect for the other. The conditions portrayed upon the screen arouse suspicion. Here is a husband who has had a misunderstanding with his wife. The stage suggestion is almost identical with something in his wife's actions at home. Immediately he becomes suspicious of an innocent wife and causes more misunderstanding and sorrow.

Dr. Washington Gladden says, "Another harmful effect is the rotting of the will by the fomentation of the sensibilities." People who night after night see a poor little orphan freezing to death; a family in rags and starving; and sick and

HAVE YOU BAD NERVES?



Mrs. Claire Groover of 1345-16th St., Columbus, Ga., said: "At one time I suffered from a case of nerves and from headaches due to functional disturbances; also poor appetite caused loss of weight. I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription as a tonic and noticed a decided change for the better before I had taken it a full week. I had a good appetite. I used three bottles in all." Buy now! New size, tablets 50c, liquid \$1.00 & \$1.35.

dying people gradually have their sight dimmed to the realities of the needy who are living at their door.

Perhaps we say that a grown person of stable emotions is not affected by seeing movies. When we look behind the screen, we realize that every ticket to a theater is the price of a soul. To prove this point I quote some statements from those who produce our movies.

"No chorus girl needs to look for temptation; it is waiting for her at every turn, and the wonder is not that so many take the primrose path, but that there are any who have the courage to fight their way along the straight and narrow road."

"Perhaps there is one among you to whom the dingy half light of the theater is dearer than the God-given radiance of the sunlight. If the theater draws you, pray for heaven's help to sustain and protect you"

(an actress).

Hannah Moore, a friend of an actor and herself a writer for the theater, says, "A Christian's amusements must be blameless as well as ingenuous, safe as well as rational, moral as well as intellectual. They must have nothing in them which is likely to excite any of the tempers which it is his daily task who produce our movies.

If Christian people and professing Christians did not patronize theaters they would not be able to stay open; therefore, men and women would not have to forfeit their souls to entertain the public.

Paul has given a fair and rational rule by which to settle this question:

"Prove all things
Hold fast that which is good,
Abstain from every appearance of evil."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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blessing to the world, this is the highest end and aim.

Again this call shows the oneness of God with His people. How often we think that God is after all a great way off, and that He is neither touched with a feeling of our infirmities nor moved with a desire to help us.

This call shows the influence of the present over the future. Here was a man whose footprints mark forever the chosen path of the faithful. Here was a man who lived, and because he lived as he did, all the world was different. From his career the streams of subsequent history took their direction, and the altar stairs which slope through darkness up to God bear upon them the plain imprint of Abraham's faithful feet.

For he made favorable response to the upward call of God. Oh, yes! I said "upward call," for that is the character of the call of God, always. "Downward the voices of duty call," says Lanier; but if the voice of Duty is the voice of God, the response to the voices of Duty will lead one into the valley of vision where brighter prospects may be opened to the view than from any other point in the world, and so it will be that our feet shall climb downward, a thing which the dictionary says can not be done, into the upper air where God resides to light the way and strengthen the heart.

"Get thee out of thy country," said God, and Abraham obeyed. Perhaps that was the easiest thing God asked Abraham to do, and that was the reason he was to do that first. Give his faith the discipline of that act of obedience and it will be equal to a greater demand. And the greater demand will be always an expression of God's confidence in one who has done well the task assigned him. Ever the doing of God's lightened task, leads to the higher honor, the richer reward of a bigger task.

"Even the Almighty did not win from Abraham a perfect obedience." He brought some of his kindred out of Ur with him, and had trouble in consequence. He was called to complete dependence upon God, but there were times when he failed to yield it. Every such failure brought sorrow to the heart of Abraham. But through the discipline of every test, whether fully or only partially met, whether the consequent lesson was one learned through the haunting memory of act of disobedience or through the joyous memory of an action in accord with the will of God, in willing response to the upward call of His Fatherly voice, still Abraham learned the lessons which were preparing him all the while for the successful standing of the supreme triumph of his absolute faith in God.

M. S. C. W. BAPTIST STUDENT UNION COUNCIL

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This week the Baptist Student Union of M. S. C. W. honors its newly elected council, which will be formally installed on May 9, at an installation service at the First

Baptist Church. These girls, on whom has been conferred one of the highest honors which can come to a student, and to whom has been entrusted a position which can mean much in service are: President, Lois Bush, Pinola; First Vice-President, Jane Strickland, Skene; Second Vice-President, Hilda Gill, Lumberton; Third Vice-President, Julia Russum, Perkinson; Secretary, Pansy Simmons, Magnolia; Treasurer, Libby Hudson, Utica; Reporter, Eleanor Ruscoe, Carrollton; Music Director, Mary Burner, McComb; Young Woman's Auxiliary Director, Lena Pearl Boutwell, Newton; Librarian, Lucy Lee Dickens, Batesville; Sunday School Director, Dorothy Dean, Brookhaven; B. Y. P. U. Director, Doris Moreland, Corinth; Special Workers Chairman, Dimple Walker, Coldwater; Town Girl Representative, Etta Ruth Turner, Columbus; Baptist Student Magazine Representative, Mary Elba Sanders, Sallis. Zelma McCord, Corinth, who is Baptist Student Magazine Representative on the State Cabinet, and who has for the past two years been representative on the M. S. C. W. campus, is automatically a member of the council.

To guide and help these students, Miss Rhobia Taylor, Student Secretary; Dr. J. D. Franks, pastor; and Dr. N. B. Armstrong, faculty representative, give their service to the council.

Some of the girls chosen by the Baptist Students have held positions on the council before, and all are fitted for the type of leadership to which they have been elected.

—Pansy Simmons, Reporter.

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Ho, Hum

An English tourist was on his first visit to Niagara Falls, and the guide was trying to impress with him its magnificence.

"Grand," suggested the guide.

The visitor did not seem much impressed.

"Millions of gallons a minute," explained the guide.

"How many in a day?" asked the tourist.

"Oh, billions and billions," answered the guide.

The visitor looked across, and down and up, as if gauging the flow. Then he turned away with a shrug, apparently unaffected.

"Runs all night, too, I suppose," he remarked.—Wall Street Journal.

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Study Hospitals In May

Get the facts. Southern Baptists have 26 hospitals, with 3,500 beds. They care for about 100,000 patients each year, and spend more than a million dollars a year for free work to about 25,000 persons. More than 1,000 young women are students in Baptist hospital schools of nursing, and more than 200 young doctors are taking their fifth year in medical training in these hospitals. What a magnificent Christian ministry!

LOUIS J. BRISTOW

Superintendent

The church at Picayune celebrated the fifth anniversary of Pastor R. K. Corder as a joyous occasion last Sunday and Monday. The Methodist pastor and people were present Sunday morning. The quartet of Mississippi Woman's College contributed several musical numbers. These are Prof. Vernon Martin, Misses Lucile Williams of Vicksburg, Edith Ryan, Emily Joe Denison and Mildred Ruth Ammon. The morning service was in charge of Deacon C. J. Mitchell. At the evening service Rev. W. I. Williams, the first pastor of the church, gave an interesting history of the organization since its beginning in 1902, when Picayune had only about 125 people. Of the charter members there remain only Mr. Williams, Mrs. Richburg, Mrs. Spiers, and Mr. and Mrs. Stockstill. Talks were made by Deacon J. B. Calvin and Rev. S. P. Powell and T. M. Stokes. On Monday a reception was held at the church where speeches, music, refreshments and social fellowship were enjoyed. Mr. L. F. Tyler on behalf of the church presented Pastor Corder with a handsome traveling bag and Mrs. Eugene Graves presented Mrs. Corder with a token of appreciation from the B. A. U. And Mrs. R. D. Langford presented both of them with lovely flowers. The decorations were appropriate and lovely.

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Our congratulations to Captain A. J. Johnson who is now past the 92nd year. He has been a church member for 74 years. He still finds joy in reading the Bible, and the Baptist Record.

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Pastor E. H. Westmoreland of Leland has returned after a meeting in Conway, Ark., where he had great opportunity to contact young people in three colleges. There were 23 additions to the church.

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We hear that Forty-first Avenue Church, Meridian, is united, encouraged, optimistic, and that Pastor J. L. Boyd is welcoming new members by baptism and letter constantly.

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In the Tampa Baptist simultaneous evangelistic campaign there were over 400 additions to the churches, 280 of them by baptism.

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